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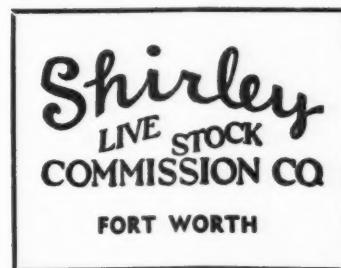
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Review of Association Work Revealed in Minutes of Quarterly Directors' Meeting

DEL RIO, TEXAS -- MARCH 13, 1954

THE SECOND quarterly meeting of the 1954 Board of Directors was called to order by President Walter Pfluger at 10:40 A.M., March 13, 1954. Invocation was given by the Rev. O. W. Nichol, President of the Del Rio Ministerial Alliance. A welcome address was given by Jack Crosby, President of the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce. Response was given by Miles Pierce of Alpine, Texas. Visi-

tors were recognized by President Pfluger and among these were W. E. Couch, President of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association, Duval Davidson, Bill Logan, and others.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer was given by Ernest Williams. He stated that this report is in line with the general livestock situation — not too bad if you consider the conditions and other circumstances under which

we are now operating. Receipts for the period November 1, 1953, through February 28, 1954, were \$5,255.45, and disbursements were \$6,808.14. We went in the hole by \$1,552.69. During this period last year, several thousand dollars in dues came in from the late sales of a big tonnage of wool from previous fiscal year. That has not happened this year as practically all of the 1953 wool clip sold during the year. There is, however, considerable dues represented in the unsold mohair now in warehouses. We have expected this year to be a hard one and it looks as though it has started that way. As for expenditures — salaries are a little over the amount budgeted for the period because of an overlap in the work of Mrs. Grove and Miss Pankey. We also had some extra work done for the Lamb Promotion program which will eventually be charged to that program. The figure for travel should be about \$125.00 less than the amount shown. Some refunds due to the account have not been made. However, it is at about the amount budgeted for this period. Other expenses are shown. One figure, that for Telephone and Telegraph, looks a little high. There has been considerable telephoning and telegraphing on the wool legislation and Mexican labor program.

Membership is at its annual low point — about 6,300. We have just completed the mailing of about 1,200 notices or statements to members whose dues were not received during 1953. The response to these statements is fairly good.

Report of President Pfluger

I am pleased to see so many of our members here today. I realize it has been a sacrifice to many of you to spare the time and expense to come, but it is certainly encouraging and heartening to your officers for you to be here. Your counsel, advice and moral support are always welcome and wanted.

The first meeting of this organization which I ever attended was here in the city of Del Rio. Heavy rains had fallen for over a week and the roads were all practically blocked by high water. We had to loosen our fan belt and open the doors of our car to ford the high water in numerous places between here and Sonora. That was some 18 or 19 years ago.

Mr. Roger Gillis was President of our Association at that time, and I well remember his opening remarks at the meeting: "We have had some wonderful rains the past week, but being a true West Texan, I think another inch rain would do a lot of good." I was a bit puzzled by the remark at that time, but since the experiences of the past four years, I fully appreciate what Roger said.

Some 25 of our members attended the National Wool Growers Convention in Long Beach. I want to thank each one publicly for his attendance and support. The 1953 convention was certainly not one of pleasure, but long hours in committee meetings formulating policies for the year 1954.

I will cover the convention as quickly and briefly as possible: 1. In the wool promotion, Miss Kathryn Gromatzky (Miss Wool 1953) appeared in the National Wool Growers Style Show. She was not a contestant, but was given first billing in the show. In addition, she appeared on National television and radio. Miss Gromatzky was a real credit to the entire wool industry and was certainly well received by the convention. We who attended the convention were really proud of the presentations that she made.

2. The National Lamb promotion program was launched and a \$25,000 budget was approved to cover the cost. Texas' part of this program is approximately \$5,500.

The main purpose of the program is to increase the consumption of lamb and mutton in about 65 percent of the United States, which now consumes only 15 percent of the lambs and muttons slaughtered. We hope that this better distribution of consumption will not only give us a better market, but a more stable market, for our lambs and muttons.

In complying with the mandate of the San Antonio Convention, Jack Canning, Chairman of the Lamb Committee, Ernest Williams, and I held meetings with the commission firms in both Fort Worth and San Antonio. Most all the firms agreed to co-operate in the collection of 2 cents per head of sheep handled by them. We also met with sales rings and order buyers in and around San Angelo who agreed to co-operate in helping collect the 2 cents per head for the Lamb Promotion fund.



(top) Some snaps in the Del Rio directors' meetings: (left to right) Abb Rose, son of Pat Rose, Sr., Del Rio, is shown shaking hands with President Walter Pfluger of the Association. Abb ranches on the Rio Grande near Comstock. In background, W. A. Belcher, Brackettville, and Vice-president Wally Hodge of Del Rio.

(center) Shows Chas. Schreiner II, in the High School Superintendent's office, busily engaged in telephoning his ranch in Del Rio. "Everything O.K. on the ranch."

(bottom) One of the veteran directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association is Ranger Captain Gully Cowser, Juncton. Gully is shown talking with one of his assistants, Ranger Dudley White, and to Miss Margaret Farmer, daughter of past president Sayers Farmer of Junction.

I am so sold on this lamb promotion idea, that I have appointed 15 additional directors to the Lamb Committee to not only help in raising money for the program (2 cents per head), but to actively work in their respective areas, calling on leading markets, hotels and restaurants to help in pushing the consumption of lamb and mutton.

3. The Wool Committee, after three days of deliberations, voted 9 to 5 by states to continue with the present loan program — requesting the administration to increase the tariff to an adequate amount and to revise the parity or loan price in keeping with the cost of production. Fred Earwood, who served on the Wool Committee, and acting upon instructions from our members at the annual convention at San Antonio and upon advice from the advisory committee before going to Long Beach, voted for the above policy.

In January, President Eisenhower, in his message to Congress, set forth as the Administration's Wool program plan, whereby payments would be made to growers from Tariff collections on imported wools in the place of the present Loan Program.

In February, President Ray Wiloughby of the National Wool Growers, called a meeting of the Executive Committee, in Washington. Fred Earwood and I attended this meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Administration's new Wool and Mohair Bill.

When the Executive Committee met, it was immediately apparent that instead of being 9 to 3 by states for the policy adopted at Long Beach, a complete reversal of position had taken place, and the vote was now 3 to 9. This meant that 3 to 1 of the states were in favor of the Incentive Plan, as they had lost all hopes of an

increase in tariff. This proved to be true last week when President Eisenhower rejected the recommendations of the Tariff Commission for a 10 cent a pound clean basis increase.

After this meeting, we met with Secretary Benson and his staff. Several objections to the House and Senate Bill were clarified and corrected. However, we still think the Administration has not rightfully recognized mohair and has not guaranteed the support we think should be given up to this time. Congressmen O. C. Fisher and Bob Poage are working on this angle now, and we are hopeful that it will be clearly set forth.

After the session with Secretary of Agriculture, the Executive Committee met again and the vote was 11 to 1 by states to continue working with the Senate, House, and Agriculture Department on the Wool Bill, and get the most advantageous wool and mohair bill possible for the grower. I voted with the majority for this action, with the reservation that if the final contents of the bill was not acceptable to our members, we would reserve the right to oppose it.

I can assure you that Fred and I have been following the whole wool procedure closely and I feel confident that when the wool bill, if passed by Congress, will probably not be a cure-all and may not be exactly to your liking, but will be as protective and beneficial as we could help make it.

I might add, up to this time we have only made suggestions on provisions or changes in the bill and have neither actively supported it nor have we opposed it. I hope that the members here today will vote your approval or disapproval of the Incentive Payment Plan before we adjourn so your Advisory Board and officers will

clearly know your wishes in the matter.

4. Your Association has kept in close touch with all Mexican Labor Developments. Under the able leadership of Wally Hodge, Chairman of the Labor Committee, active support has been given to the Unilateral Labor Bill which allows the United States to go it alone in the processing of Mexican Nationals. This bill has passed both the House and Senate,

and should be signed soon by the President.

5. Dr. Timm, Head of the Department of Agriculture, Economics and Sociology, A&M College, met with a representative group of our Association on February 19. They propose to make a study of the effects of the drouth in Southwest Texas. This study is for the purpose of determining:

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CROWD AT THE SAN FELIPE COUNTRY CLUB

(top) Jack Crosby, President Chamber of Commerce, Del Rio, is shown talking with some of the Del Rio women who helped serve the tremendous crowd of visitors at noon day luncheon of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association directors and their wives.

NEW DIRECTOR

(second) W. E. Couch, Waxahachie, President of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association, Mrs. Couch and Mr. and Mrs. Haralson.

HOSTS

(third) John Rowland, owner of Rowland's, one of southwest's most popular men's stores of Del Rio and Uvalde, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crosby of Del Rio greet each other as Mr. Ed Long watches the crowd.

GREETINGS

(bottom) Left to right are shown Mrs. Mason of Chamber of Commerce, Del Rio; Mrs. Lloyd Carter, Mrs. Lester Brumley and Mrs. Merlyn Davis.



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Lawrence Marcus of Neiman-Marcus in Dallas, is shown with Delores McHugh, left, and Barbara Brush, right. Mrs. Willie B. Whitehead made the arrangements for the display of fashions featured by the Dallas merchant and the two lovely models with their new fabrics of mohair, wool and cotton.



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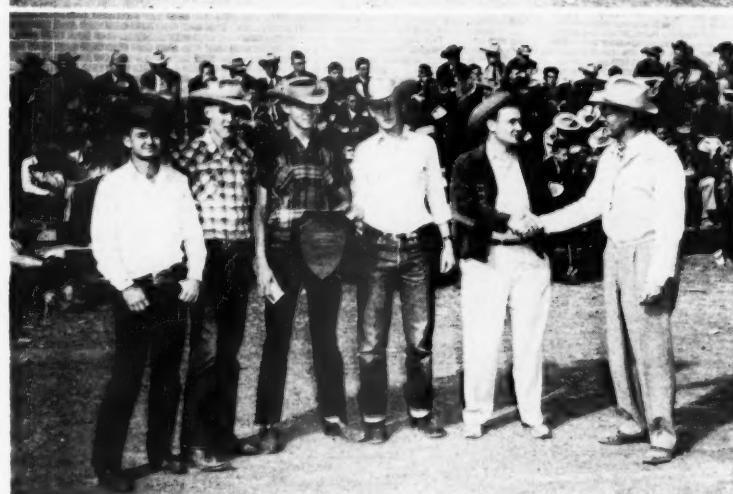
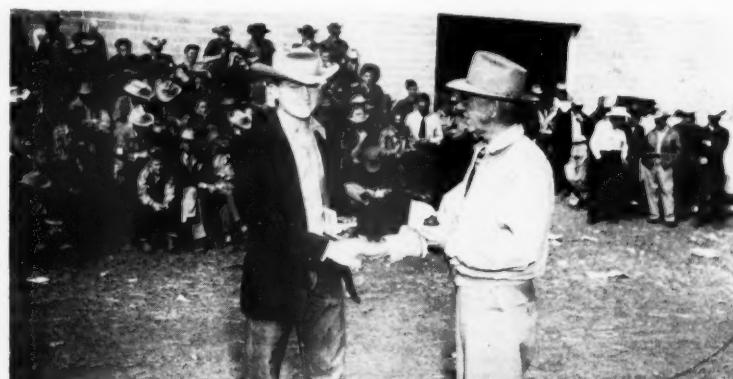
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Top photograph shows Penrose Metcalfe, immediate past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, presenting F. G. Brown, FFA student of Eola, Texas, the high individual over-all award. Young Brown was tied with three others in sheep judging. He had the reserve champion cross-bred lamb in the lamb show also. At home he has a small flock of Rambouillet ewes which he is trying to build into a good income producing Rambouillet flock. K. E. McDonald is Vocational Agriculture teacher under whom he is studying.

(Center)
Mr. Metcalfe is shown with Ralph Trolinger, manager of the San Angelo livesotck show, as he presents the award to the individual winners in the sheep judging contest. From left to right: Jack Harrison, Menard; Erle Brown, Brownfield; F. G. Brown, Eola, and Gary Sinclair, Roscoe, top winners, all tied up.

(Bottom)
Jim Gray, Extension sheep specialist, is shown congratulating Clemon Montgomery of Lamesa, whose team took the over-all livestock judging award. Members of the team are Bobby Burnett, Donnell Echols, Jackie Goodlowe and Bobby Brown.

Directors Meet

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(a) The demand for and availability of Agriculture credit in drouth area.

(b) Factors contributing to successful Farm and Ranch operations during drouths.

We approved the idea as constructive and your co-operation will be appreciated if any of Dr. Timms' staff call upon you. He assured us all questions will be kept confidential.

6. The House Agriculture Committee held hearings in Waco on January 13. Ernest Williams, Penrose Metcalfe and I went to Waco. I appeared before the committee and set forth the fact that the sheep and goat people in this part of the state were still suffering from the extended drouth. That we were duly grateful for their interest last summer in visiting our section, and for the drouth assistance extended in the way of loans and feed. But I also pointed out that 41 percent meal and pellets were no longer available and that we would need both meal and pellets if we were to raise a lamb and kid crop. I was referred to Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Farrington for a conference. We met with Secretary Farrington, but I cannot report that we were encouraged on the possibility of getting meal and pellets in any appreciable amounts.

7. Since the first of the year, I have been doing all I can to carry out my promise to you at San Antonio, to work for the promotion of our industry and our Association. I have called on most of the warehouses in the Eastern part of the sheep area. The need for an Association stressed what we were doing and hoped to do, and the support of the warehouse owner or manager enlisted to make the deduction fees from all growers who consigned or sold their wool to or through his warehouse. The response was encouraging and I trust that we

will receive their full co-operation. In this connection, I would like for the directors on the Membership Committee to call not only on delinquent members, but upon your warehouses and urge their co-operation. We need the support of every sheep and goat man in Texas, and unless the warehouses co-operate in making the deductions, we are not going to get their dues or membership.

In closing, I would like to restate a few remarks I made to you in San Antonio — as I have certainly found a lot of indifference to the necessity of an Association among the sheep and goat people.

If we are to survive and grow, we must:

(1) Each and every director must

keep himself informed on current activities, projects and accomplishments of the Association and sell the merits of the Association to others engaged in the sheep and goat business.

(2) Make our Association stronger financially through increased membership and adequate dues.

(3) We must talk lamb and practice what we talk by eating lamb and mutton.

(4) We must talk the merits of wool and practice what we talk by wearing wool and demanding woolen and mohair fabrics in our car upholstery, household furnishings and on every occasion that we have a choice between woolens and synthetics.

Willoughby and Earwood Report
Ray Willoughby, President of the

National Wool Growers Association, reported on activities of the National Wool Growers Association since the annual convention with special reference to wool legislation and tariff work.

Fred Earwood, Chairman of the Wool & Mohair Marketing Committee, told of the stand taken by the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association in Washington favoring the tariff and gave reasons why the incentive payment plan had not been endorsed even though it was not actively opposed — that Texas producers in his opinion would fare better under the present loan program — that mills and dealers were waiting to buy figuring that passage of bill would cause

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CHAMPIONS IN THE JUNIOR BREEDING SHEEP SHOW

No event of the San Angelo Fat Stock Show this year created more interest among the young ranch people and the breeders backing them than did the competition in the Rambouillet breeding sheep show. The crowd was a varied one as whole families stood for hours in the blowing dust, watching the judges, H. I. Sims and Clyde Thate, place the winners. The champion ram, left, was shown by Sue Tongate, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tongate of Brookesmith, Texas. The champion ewe in one of the largest ewe shows ever held in Texas was shown by Henry Mills III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mills, Del Rio.

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Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

AS APRIL approached the livestock prices were in better alignment. But for how long it was hard to say. Lambs in fleece had reached, and mildly passed, \$25.25, with best clippers about a dollar away from topy wool-skins of comparable weight. The winter crop had been well cleaned up in the cornbelt, and was becoming scarce in the Denver and Scottsbluff, Neb., areas. Old crop Texas, still facing drouth conditions as did all livestock in the Southwest, had been unloaded freely at \$17.00 to \$19.00, with feeder-type kinds predominating, and most "fats" made thick-fleshed enough for killers by supplemental feeds.

And as old crop lambs disappeared everywhere, even from the Imperial Valley, talk turned to springers, native Texas and West Coast to say nothing of Idaho and other better-weather favored sections of the Northwest. The national crop was estimated as about 3 percent larger than last year but many dry weather states have no more and in instances fewer lambs. Texas was down in both new crop and old crop offerings but the far West and Northwest appeared optimistic both

in increased numbers and available feed. California had contracted freely at \$21.00 to \$22.00, as high as \$24.00 having been paid in Arizona, where new lambs have been doing well on irrigated pastures.

It was dry in many eastern lamb states, notably Tennessee, but with Kentucky growers also watching for rain clouds. Wind rather than rain storms had made winter wheat lambs in the Southwest pretty much of a failure, and liquidation threatened, unless the rains came, to an ever widening circle of spring lamb states.

Thus it appears that spring lambs in the more favored sections may be in demand. Only recently have markets responded to comparative scarcity to put fat old crop lambs somewhere near where they should have sold since January 1. But with beef still the tonnage as well as the cheapest meat, dressed lambs has had tougher going than usual this winter. In the cities big chain stores could feature low priced beef cuts, and deliver the goods week after week. Hence no particular efforts were made to promote lamb, and certainly not pork — the highest meat of all simply because hog slaughter was way down at a period when it is normally large and hogs low enough to put pork in storage. Toward mid-March fall littered shoats had become extensive

enough to force top hogs at Chicago below \$26.00. But butchers scaling over 240 lbs. were then riding high in a narrow price spread as were sows, the few available. All hogs have been and still are piling up "cutout" losses to packers who profess to see easier times, marketwise, for a month or six weeks until the bloom of the fall crop wilts, and then a tightening up — a hint meantime for relatively high late spring and summer prices, and maybe a helpful boost for both beef and lamb, especially choice and prime lamb produced in sections favored with plenty of feed and water. Many more hogs than last summer and fall are in sight, however. And with prices so high many growers may take advantage of an abnormally high winter market — with more pigs and light lights than normally unloaded early should dry weather become a threat in the northern cornbelt. Brood sows and bred gilts brought big money this winter, mainly \$100 per head down.

Undoubtedly, however, hogs and lambs face a more consistent set of markets than cattle, still the big volume from a meat standpoint. All fed steers and heifers made money late last year and throughout January and February this year. But weakening prices late February and during March put high-good, choice and prime offerings on the spot. Shortfeds, of course, predominated — these having been laid in at a record low last summer and fall. But as killers took it off on big runs in February and March, restoring prices only on sharply abridged receipts, finishers found themselves confronted with measurably higher replacement costs.

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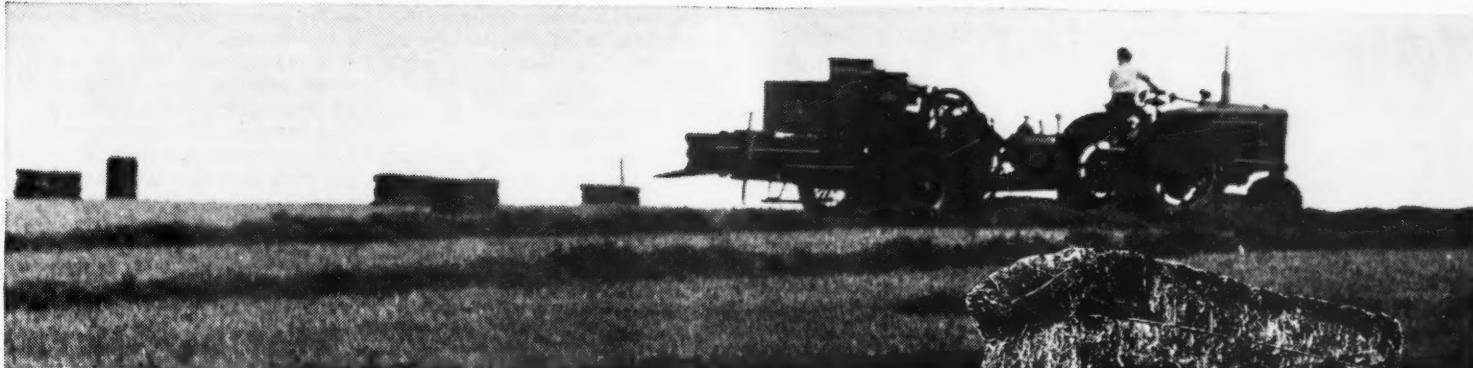
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"Miracle" Fiber Inroads Minor

Newer Synthetics Found Currently Accounting For Only Four Percent Of Total U. S. Textile Consumption, Cotton With 70% Retains Lead

By DOUGLAS PIDGEON
New York Journal of Commerce

THE CLAMOR made by "miracle" fiber interests has generally overshadowed the relatively small inroads these new yarns have made into traditional textile markets.

These new fibers have their good points as thousands of satisfied consumers will attest. And they have their drawbacks. In some applications they have been pushed too far and too fast. In others they constitute a real future threat to the old line fibers.

Cotton still rules the market roost, accounting for nearly 70 per cent of total fiber consumption in the U. S. The cellulosics, in spite of a hard competitive year, use another 18 per cent, and wool maintains its position by consuming around 7 per cent.

Newer Fibers Account For Only 4% of Total

Far below these range the newer chemical fibers dacron, orlon, dynel,

vicara, and Nylon. They currently account for 4 percent of total use.

These new chemical yarns, nevertheless, have great potentials. They are beginning to be accepted, regardless of their drawbacks. This potential will be limited in the future by two things, price and performance.

A picture of things to come has been drawn by Willard C. Wheeler, economic expert for Anderson & Carns, Inc. He believes the new fibers will reach 20 percent of total volume by 1975.

At that time, he predicts, cotton will be down to 50 per cent, wool up to 10 percent, and the older synthetics, rayon and acetate, will still account for nearly 20 percent.

All this is in the future. As for the next year the consumer can look for increasing competition from the "miracle" group as producers work to expand their share of the market.

This competition will come in the men's suiting field, women's apparel markets, and in industrial fabrics chiefly.

Make Substantial Gains In Men's Suiting Field

In the men's suiting field some of the new fibers have made substantial gains, but in spite of their inroads wool has held up well. For instance, last year all-wool tropical worsteds accounted for 22 percent of sales by retailers.

This year retailers expect to do much better in their all wool summer lines. Some estimate the figure will come between 25 and 30 percent.

Dacron, and orlon are the two principal synthetics used in combination with wool. Wool and Dacron blends sold about 16 percent of the total of summer suitings last year. In 1954, storemen look forward to at least as good a year.

Rayon and acetate, or their blends, appear to be losing out in the suiting field. Last year about 32 percent of summer suits were in those combinations, but unofficial estimates by clothiers put the 1954 total at even less than 30 percent.

Gains Found at Cost of Older Synthetics

The gains of the newer fibers have been at the cost of the older synthetics, rather than wool. This trend may continue further since the Wool Bureau, Inc., in connection with other groups has recently launched a consumer publicity and advertising campaign of unprecedented scope, which is sure to have a lifting effect on wool fabric sales.

In the shirting market some of the new fibers have met their most serious setbacks as well as triumphs. The first all-nylon shirt was hailed

as the answer to the traveler's prayer, a true miracle.

It did not take long for the consumer, who was paying around \$10 for these shirts in the early days, to find out that, although they could be washed and hung out without ironing, they were also damp and hot to wear. They turned yellow, and they collected dirt at the collar and cuffs. The stitching puckered after the first washing. Many users were soon per-

Livestock

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thing were more costly, soybean meal leading. On the other, killers were nibbling away at live prices, taking 50c to \$1.00 off on big runs, but putting back the decline only on meager receipts which on balance left the average lower. Beef sold, but had to be marked low enough for better-than-average quality to suggest that consumers by the thousands in big cities have been coddled so long on "choice steer and heifer steaks and roasts" in headline sales that it is going to be tough to break this buying "rut" and thus permit western cattlemen to hold advances they have achieved since last summer. As April approaches many in the trade take the view that stockers and feeders must sell lower, and measurably so pronto, unless there is moisture in immediate sight for such big grazing sections as the Flint Hills and the Osage, where lease signing is way below normal.

Top steers at Chicago still sell in a small way up to \$31.50. But little, indeed, passes \$30.00 and now \$24.00 to \$27.00 kinds are beginning to hurt while \$18.00 to \$23.50 offerings, including comparable heifers, are not sending home as much money — less and less as killers turn the screws on runs probably bigger than necessary considering number of cattle on feed and the comparative scarcity of other meats. The cattle cycle has passed its peak but in addition to steers there will be a glut of cows and heiferettes to sell this summer and fall when the signs indicate consumers will remain beef price conscious — "choice" beef at a bargain.

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RICHARDSON SHOWS FIRST PLACE PEN OF THREE

In the San Angelo Fat Stock Show, Leo Richardson of Iraan showed first place pen of three — held by his son, Rod, right.

manently reconverted to the cotton shirt.

The new fibers, dacron and orlon, for example, are still in the experimental stage in shirtings and are going through some of the same complaints. Dacron and orlon both tend to 'pull,' and these attract dirt. They are in better constructed fabrics than the early nylon shirts, but the complaint that they are too hot is still heard. In combination with combed cotton, both of these fibers have had some success.

Nevertheless the technicians are slowly finding the answer. The new yarns are definitely here to stay in shirtings. As their price comes down, consumers will be more attracted to them.

In apparel the miracle fibers have made stronger inroads. The nylon bathing suit is now standard. The nylon blouse and slip are permanent fixtures in garments. Dacron and orlon, dynel and vicara are all measuring a substantial success, often in blends with cotton and wool.

In the industrial field nylon has spread far. The newer synthetics, dacron and orlon, are still feeling their way toward acceptance.

In short, all the chemical fibers are in their expansion period. This may well last for years. Since the textile economy is expected to expand considerably within the next few years, there will be plenty of room for the non-cellulosics to expand.

Meanwhile the older fibers will not lose their traditional markets sitting down. The rayon manufacturers have put their support in back of the American Rayon Institute. The National Cotton Council can be depended upon to push the interests of cotton efficiently and well. Wool interests have taken a belated, but not too late interest in promoting the excellent qualities of their own product.

If the new fibers take over any large segments of the old markets it will be because they have passed the consumer test of performance, and have become competitive in price.



AT BROWNWOOD . . .

MISS WOOL IS PRESENTED WITH AN ORCHID

Upon her arrival at the airport at Brownwood Miss Kathryn Gromatzky, Miss Wool of 1954, was presented with an orchid by Mayor Smith Bell. Here are shown left to right, Mr. Bell, Miss Gromatzky, Mrs. John Alexander, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, and Chamber of Commerce President, Ben Denman.

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Sheepherders Had a Tough Job, But . . .

They Stuck At It!

By ROY HOLT

ROBERT MAUDSLAY, in TEXAS SHEEPMAN, hands down some vivid descriptions of his own experiences in handling sheep in winter blizzards. Once while driving sheep in Colorado, the sheep began to drift before a fierce cold wind at night. Maudslay and one herder followed in the darkness. Ice collected on Maudslay's beard and the back of his slicker was a sheet of ice as he floundered through snow waist deep. Fortunately, the two men and none of the sheep were frozen. Maudslay also related that in January or February of 1888, during an unusually warm afternoon a severe blizzard struck. He believed that the temperature dropped at least ninety degrees in a few hours. Five of his sheep were frozen to death that night at camp. When the sheep were turned out the next morning, an endurance test between them and the herder began. The sheep ran for miles before he could control them. This was in the vicinity of Howard's Canyon. Other sheepmen in the area lost sheep by the hundreds.

The same sheep man tells about the time, soon after he started herding and while he was still the proud owner of two or three suits of underwear, that the sheep began to leave camp soon after he had gone to bed. He put on his shoes and, clad only in his underclothes, took after the sheep. The night was clear and frosty. The herder did not overtake the sheep until they were about a mile from camp and then he got lost — "lost in my underwear on a frosty night . . . Well, I had to make the best of it; so I put in the rest of the night doing some violent exercise, and making ill use

of the English language," as he expressed it.

SHEEPMAN'S LONE GRAVE NEAR SONORA

A rock covered grave near Sonora, Texas, marks the last resting place of another sheepman who lost his life in line of duty. In the late 1880's, Fred and Cornelia Mathis loaded their six small children and their household goods into two covered wagons and left their farm near Madisonville, headed west. With two teenage nephews to do the herding on the trip, they drove along with them several hundred sheep and a few extra horses. By the early '90s they had established camp on the open range near Sonora, which village had just been established by C. F. Adams, another pioneer sheepman. They herded their sheep on the free grass and fell in love with the country, hoping that they could establish a permanent ranch before long. But such was not to be.

Fred went into Sonora to secure a load of flour, salt, and other supplies. On the return trip the wild young mules he was driving ran away with him. One wagon wheel struck a rock. Fred was thrown from the wagon and the heavy load passed over his body, killing him instantly. Other sheepmen in the area dug the grave and assisted with the funeral. Also with their help, the grief-stricken widow sold the sheep and began the long, sad journey with the family back to Madisonville and to the farm, which fortunately they had not sold.

Mrs. Frances Griffin Pearce, of Coleman, a granddaughter of the

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All of these efforts are part of the free, competitive marketing in which we believe so firmly . . . part of the system that moves the meat from your livestock into the homes of 161,000,000 people who are always being sold on meat.

We meat packers, too, play our part. Our advertising sells meat . . . in newspapers and magazines; over the radio and on TV. The scientists in our research laboratories pioneer new products from livestock, new uses for by-products. Our home economists create new, appetizing recipes; tell folks about the goodness and nutritional values of meat. And our distribution systems deliver, nationwide, the various weights and cuts of meat where they are preferred—so that housewives everywhere can buy the kind of meat they want, when they want it.

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What Makes a Market?



The livestock-meat industry is typical of our American free market system. Livestock producers compete with each other—not only for the market, but also for efficiency of production.

The people who sell livestock for farmers and ranchers compete with one another. Each seeks to have larger sales volume and to get the highest prices.

Four thousand meat packers and 14,000 other commercial slaughterers compete with each other for the available livestock. They seek the lowest processing and distribution costs. They also seek to be chosen by more and more customers for their products.

The retailer competes for meat at the lowest possible price. He vies with other retailers for the best displays; and for the good will of the consumer.

The consumer tries to get what he wants at the lowest price possible, in competition with every other consumer.

The producer raises livestock as cheaply as he can under his conditions. He sells his livestock as high as he can. After proper processing, the meat packer sells the meat



as high as he can to the retailer—who buys as low as he can. After preparing the meat, the retailer sells as high as he can to the consumer—who tries to buy as low as she can.

That's our free market system. That's the way prices are made—producers, marketing people, meat packers, retailers and consumers competing with one another. That's the American way.

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Grass Management Pays

by A. L. Hafenrichter
Soil Conservation Service
Portland, Oregon

Today, neither range nor farm lands are producing grass at full capacity or at high efficiency. But they can be made to do so.

A ranch in southern Idaho offers a good illustration. Seven years ago it carried 1,350 animal units, of which 50 units were cattle and the rest sheep. The lamb crop averaged 90-100%, and the calf crop averaged 65-70%. Lambs averaged 70-80 pounds and calves 300-400 pounds at market time. Soil erosion and run-off occurred on steep lands. Sagebrush and weeds had invaded the range.

In 1944 a ranch conservation plan was adopted. Fences were built to exclude trespass stock and allow for a deferred-rotation grazing plan. Stock ponds and salting places were developed. Sixty-five acres were put into irrigated alfalfa, and 2,700 acres were seeded to new dryland grasses. Sheep were reduced and cattle increased until the 800 animal units of stock were equally divided.

In 5 years remarkable improvements appeared. Grasses increased. Weeds and brush decreased. Erosion and run-off were stopped. The owner marketed more meat from 800 animal units than he previously sold from 1,350 units. Calf crops averaged 95%; lamb crops 120-140%. Lambs weighed 90-100 pounds at market time, and calves 500-535 pounds. Range conservation increased yields of grass per acre, and resulted in more gains per animal at less cost per pound.

Scientific planning for land, grass, and livestock management produced the results.

Martha Logan's Recipe for FLANK STEAK ITALIAN

Yield: 3 to 4 servings

1 flank steak (1½ lbs.)	¼ teaspoon powdered clove
Salt	1 teaspoon sugar
Pepper	1 10½-oz. can undiluted beef bouillon
Flour	½ cup water
3 tablespoons fat	1 lemon, thinly sliced
1 clove garlic, finely cut	2 tablespoons flour

Slash flank steak into diamond shapes with a sharp knife to cut across lengthwise fibers. Season and flour lightly. Brown on both sides in hot fat in skillet or baking pan. Add garlic, cloves, sugar, water, ½ can of beef bouillon, and lemon slices. Cover and simmer over low heat on top of the range or in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 2 hours or until meat is tender. Make a gravy with the drippings in pan. Stir in flour. Cook and stir. Add remaining ½ can of beef bouillon. Serve with hot egg noodles.

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They Stuck To It!

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Mathis', furnished the information concerning this sheepman. Several years ago, she accompanied her grandmother on a trip to the grave near Sonora. She does not recall the name of the ranch upon which the grave was located but she does vividly remember the story. She recalls that the grave was rock-covered and that the name of Fred Mathis and the date of his death were marked on it.

WHO SAID THAT A SHEEPHERDER HAD NO VARIETY?

Old John Bean, who spent the last years of his life on the Cecil Arvin ranch in Terrell County, used to tell the story of the Mexican herder who found some buried treasure while herding his flock in the vicinity of Howard's Well near the Pecos. When the herder next went to his home in Del Rio, he reported his find. Two Anglos heard the story, got the Mexican drunk, and got him to talk. The men then made him take them to the gold. The Mexican searched and searched. He heard the men planning to kill him after they had secured the treasure and so he made it appear that he could not find the exact spot again. Finally he escaped and got back to Del Rio. So far as Old John knew, the treasure had never been located.

The experience of another herder with buried treasure is described by J. Frank Dobie in CORONADO'S CHILDREN. A man named Medlin had heard the story of buried treasure on the Llano River and, in 1878, he engaged to herd sheep for a ranchman on that stream. Every day while herding his charges, he searched for the treasure. He found the remains of an old furnace, or smelter, which according to tradition had been used by the Spanish. Medlin dug holes all over the vicinity and even unearthed the skeleton of a man, as well as a miner's spoon, which showed plainly that it had been used to stir some kind of metal. Shortly after making this find, Medlin left his sheep and the Llano for South America. In Galveston, while waiting to take ship, he showed the miner's spoon to a newspaper reporter, who wrote his story.

Ordinarily a herder on an isolated ranch had little or no opportunity to go to town. Sometimes, however, a passing friend furnished him with enough red liquor to get drunk. Mrs. Edith Black Winslow, in her book,

IN THOSE DAYS, relates such an incident on their ranch. A temporary herder got drunk and could not tend his flock. Mr. Winslow took him to town after he had become normal. Such was the exception and in many cases the old herders remained in the employment until they died.

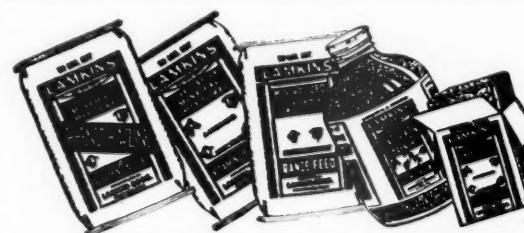
The late Sam Ashburn, founder of the TOP OF THE WINDMILL column in the San Angelo Standard-Times, used to tell of the old herder in Irion County who was still herding when eighty years old. His vision was bad, his sense of direction had become poor, and his mentality showed signs of failing. Once he was found three miles from his herd and on another ranch. He had been gone from his camp for two days and had been without food. When found he was still looking for his sheep. The kindly ranchman asked him why he had not sought food. His answer was, "Me couldn't leave the sheep."

The story is also told of Mexican Joe, who once herded goats on the Duwain Hughes ranch in Irion County, and later herded sheep in Reagan County. His ability as a herder was astonishing. One day, as usual, he ate part of a can of tomatoes for breakfast and finished it later in the day. He got ptomaine poisoning, was taken to Mertzon by the boss and eventually recovered. While he was loafing around in town, he learned to drive a Model T Ford, which was very popular at that time. Finally, he was taken back to herding sheep in Reagan County. Two or three days later, the ranch boss found Joe's sheep scattered. They searched for Joe for two or three days, then found the Boss's new Ford was also missing. The ranchman still has not heard of Joe — and he never got his Ford back. The hand of progress had ruined a good sheepherder.

Joe Blakeney, San Angelo, in early March sold Fred Ball 1,100 shorn mutton lambs at 18 cents a pound.

J. W. Ruegner, Katelyn, who has been a breeder of Rambouillet sheep since 1918, writes that he has not completed lambing and that he has already got 74 lambs from 49 ewes, and that his sheep are doing fine.

One of the most prominent of Texas sheep buyers, Jim Adle, buyer for Swift & Company on the Fort Worth market, has assumed the head sheep buying post on the Chicago yards. Jim was on the Fort Worth yards for 22 years and his leaving is sincerely regretted by those working with him at Fort Worth and by his many friends in the industry. All wish him good luck in his new job.



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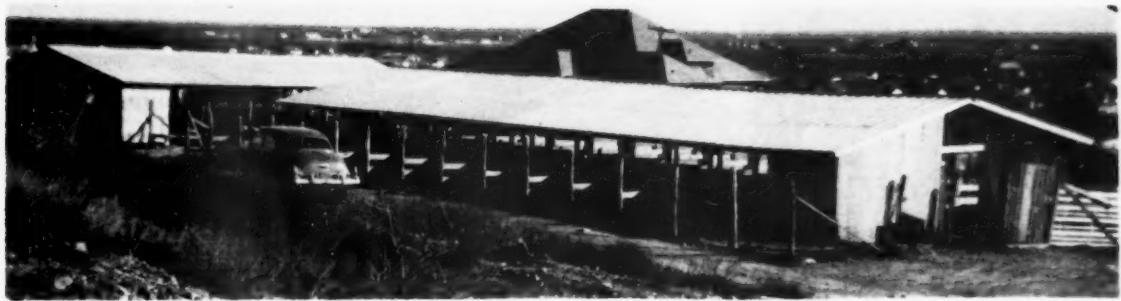
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Boys Did Most Of Work . . .

The Community Sheep-Raising Barn for Coleman Boys

By LESTER S. SMITH

NEVER LET it be said that the town Future Farmer and 4-H Club members of Coleman cannot raise sheep along with the best of their country FFA and 4-H members. The town boys have been raising and feeding their own sheep since the fall of 1952 — the time of completion of their community sheep feeding barns.

The idea for the barns came from Jake Joyce, Coleman vocational agriculture teacher. He initiated his idea and it bore fruit.

The city and West ward school gave the FFA chapter a 99-year lease to land on the edge of town for \$1. Coleman High School paid for leveling

the land, since it was located on the side of a hill overlooking town. Building materials for the FFA barns were paid by the chapter out of the chapter fund. Water and light facilities were furnished by the city.

County Agent Clovee Huckabee raised money through donations from business houses and funds raised by club members in Coleman schools to erect the 4-H barn.

The FFA barn, the largest of the two, has a capacity of 100 lambs and cost approximately \$1,400. The 4-H barn has a capacity of 60 lambs and cost approximately \$800.

The boys did most of the work

SHEEP BARN AT COLEMAN

The FFA barn in the foreground and the 4-H Club barn in the background. The roof of the West Ward school is in center.

themselves, under the supervision of the vocational agriculture teacher. They built fences, raised rafters and poured concrete to finish the barns in time to feed out lambs.

Before the barns were erected, only two of the 4-H members had previously fed out lambs. This last year 17 4-H club boys fed out lambs. This was the first time for over half of the FFA boys to have lamb projects also. This year the number of boys feeding lambs is even greater.

No charge is made to the boys for the use of the barns. Feed is bought cooperatively and sold to the boys. Lambs are bought in the same manner and lots are drawn to distribute the lambs.

In addition to providing a place for the boys to feed their lambs, the barns give more boys a chance to learn how to raise sheep and care for them properly. Both Jake and Clovee feel that the barns will pay for themselves in years to come by increasing the quantity and quality of the show stock of boys who did not have proper facilities before.



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Outdoor Notes

By JOE AUSTELL SMALL

Angler's Dictionary

REEL — A coffee mill invented by Satan and designed to snarl up at critical times, thereby inducing profane profanity.

FISHING LINE — An expensive piece of string. It snarls, gets snagged, and is guaranteed to break at the right time, creating an alibi for that whopper you lost.

WHOPPER — A term used to describe all fish which get away.

FLIES — A feather imitation of nothing-ever-seen, with very fanciful names, and the favorite food of house moths. Flies are principally used to decorate fishermen's hats and bushes along the stream.

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Things You May Not Know

The roots of most trees are more extensive than the branches. In fact, with most plants, except those that grow in swamps, there are more underground parts than parts above the ground.

Pacific mound-building birds lay their eggs in piles of vegetation, scratchings, and mixed dirt and leave them alone. The heat generated by the decaying vegetable matter hatches the eggs.

Mammalogists recognize 253 different species and sub-species of land mammals east of the Mississippi in the United States. There are about 30,000 in the world.

One female moth and her family can destroy, in a single year, as much wool as it would take one dozen sheep to produce.

There are no parasites of fish which can't be rendered harmless to man by thorough cooking.

Many ducks, including mallards and other "puddle ducks", are often inedible in the West. This occurs when the birds have been eating decaying salmon that have died during spawning runs, tainting the ducks' flesh.

Every earthworm is both male and female and is capable of laying eggs to produce its own kind. It cannot, however, fertilize itself.

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RAMBOUILLET BREEDERS PRESENT LEE ENSOR WITH WALLACE DAMERON TROPHY

A new event of the San Angelo Junior Livestock Show was inaugurated in 1954 with Texas Rambouillet breeders banding together in the presentation of the Wallace Dameron trophy in memory of the late Wallace Dameron, Superintendent of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station No 14, at Sonora, who was for many years closely identified with sheep breeding activities of West Texas. Leo Richardson, veteran Rambouillet breeder of Iraan, made the presentation to J. Lee Ensor of Bronte, Texas, for an outstanding

achievement in the 1954 sheep show. Mr. Richardson's comments in the presentation is given elsewhere on this page. Shown in the photograph, right to left, are Leo Richardson; J. Lee Ensor, with trophy; Mrs. Wallace Dameron; Jack Taylor, Secretary of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association; R. O. Sheffield, San Angelo; Louis Tongate, Brookesmith; L. F. Hodges, Sterling City; Rushing Sheffield, San Angelo; Rod Richardson, Iraan; John Williams, Eldorado; Dr. W. T. Hardy, Superintendent Ranch Experiment Station, Sonora; Louis (Porky) Bridges, Bronte; H. C. Noelke, Sheffield; H. I. Sims, Veribest; Clyde Thaté, Burkett; and Pat Rose, Del Rio. Many other breeders participating in the trophy award were not at the presentation. The presentation was made before a very large crowd of West Texas sheepmen and young breeders.

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rambouillet breeders of Texas. Veteran Rambouillet breeder, Leo Richardson, Iraan, made the presentation tribute given below:

After watching this Junior Rambouillet Breeding Sheep Show the last few years to see the number and quality of the animals in this show causes us to honestly believe that no where in the world has this branch of club work been carried to such a high degree. Yet, with all these top quality animals, there is one thing that must be always far above the animals: this supreme thing is the character that is being built into these boys and girls. To you club members everywhere, when you see a better animal than yours, you always move your idea of that ideal animal up, using the best one for your pattern. So it is with us all — in trying to build a better character into all our lives — yours and ours.

We have found a better pattern in the life of our friend and co-worker, Wallace Dameron.

To every person your name becomes a symbol of what you accomplish and how you get along with your fellow man while here; so has the name or symbol of Wallace Dameron come into our lives to stand for

better animals, better work, and better character.

No man in this show fought as fiercely for what he believed to be right as Wallace. So in placing this trophy or symbol of a good life in the care and possession of you club members, we are giving you a better pattern of life to use as a model while building your own name, and building your own name is the one thing you must and will do all your life.

To us the name of this trophy is a life well-lived, a life filled with fair, square work, lived so fair and honest that his fellow men placed more work upon him, knowing the job would be well done.

I once read that "No man stands so straight as when stooped over helping a boy."

We older breeders do not have to go very far back in our memories to see Wallace here in this show when he stood so straight fighting to give our youngsters a better chance. To this man and his pattern of life, we ask you to consider, while his years here were few, yet as you see his work, his symbol of life goes on and lives with us all. To us older and you younger breeders, may we always keep in mind that the many Wallace Damers who have passed on, always leave with us their ideals. We must go on with the plans that their ideals and ambitions have blueprinted for us.

To you, J. Lee Ensor, keep your name so that it will mean to your friends what this name, Wallace Dameron, means to us.

We, the following listed Texas members of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Association, are proud to present this Memorial Trophy to the Premier Exhibitor of the Junior Rambouillet Breeding Sheep Division of the San Angelo Fat Stock Show, in memory of Wallace Dameron, for his contributions to the success of the sheep industry, the Rambouillet breed, and this Junior Rambouillet Breeding Sheep Show:

Joe B. Edens, Eldorado; Leo Richardson, Iraan; Rod Richardson, Iraan; John Williams, Eldorado; Stuart Williams, Eldorado; Wayne Bridges, Bronte; B. F. Bridges & Son, Bronte; Wallace, Hendricks, San Angelo; H. C. Noelke, Jr., Sheffield; H. L. Moseley, Abilene.

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Dr. H. A. Wimberly, San Angelo; Roger Q. 'Jackie' and Fritz Landers, Menard; Johnny Bryan, Fort Stockton; S. S. Bundy & Son, Roosevelt; Ranch Experiment Station, Sonora (Dr. W. T. Hardy, O. L. Carpenter, L. B. Merrill, Robbie Morris); John W. Fuller, San Angelo; Jack B. Taylor (Ass'n. Secretary), San Angelo.

Frank Weed, Jr., Utopia livestock dealer, has leased the Crow Ranch north of Vanderpool. Son Moore is the former lessee. Weed sold the goats off the ranch out of the hair for \$5.25 per head to Hobby Daniels of Lometa. The goats were delivered March 4. Weed plans to put no stock on the ranch until fall; then he will winter lambs and kids.

The San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo has reported better than a \$7,000 profit in the 1954 event. Most of the buildings used this year were new — replaced after the destructive tornado of May, 1953.

Abb and Pat Rose of Comstock are hard up for grass. This area is one of the hardest hit of all West Texas drought areas. Sheep, however, appear to be doing pretty well on supplementary feeding and one bunch of ewes already had dropped a 52% lamb crop and the lambs looked good.

Leroy Russell, San Angelo livestock dealer, purchased from R. B. Bagley and Sons, San Saba, 1,500 fat feeder lambs out of the wool for April 1 delivery. Russell also bought 400 lambs from the E. F. Noelke Estate at Rankin at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents, estimated to average 90 pounds. He bought 700 lambs from Clyde Hill, Sonora, at 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, averaging 87 pounds; and 300 lambs from Bryan Hunt, Sonora, at 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents, averaging around 80 pounds. He also bought 600 head from Gordon Appleton, Brady, at 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, estimated to weigh about 85 pounds.

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Wool Production and Income

WOOL PRODUCTION, shorn and pulled, in the United States in 1953 totaled 271 million pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 2 percent above the 1952 production and the largest total wool production since 1948. Less shorn wool was produced in 1953 than in 1952, but the production of pulled wool was larger. Of the wool production in 1953, 230 million pounds were shorn wool and 41 million pounds pulled wool. In 1952, total production was 266 million pounds, of which 232 million pounds were shorn and 34 million pulled. The 1942-51 average production of all wool was 337 million pounds, of which 283 million pounds were shorn wool and 54 million pounds pulled.

The annual average price per pound received by growers for shorn wool in 1953 was 54.7 cents per pound. This price compares with 54.2 cents per pound received in 1952 and the 10-year average of 50.8 cents. Cash receipts to growers for shorn wool in

1953 were estimated at 126 million dollars, only a little more than received for the 1952 clip but about 12 million dollars below the 10-year average.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in 1953 was estimated at 28 million head, about 400 thousand less than was shorn in 1952. This compares with the average of 35 million head shorn. The weight per fleece was 8.30 pounds, the highest of record. The previous record was 8.25 pounds per fleece in 1952. The 10-year average is 8.04 pounds.

Pulled wool production, in 1953 totaled 41 million pounds, an increase of 22 percent, or 7 million pounds, from 1952. Commercial slaughter of sheep and lambs during 1953 was up sharply from 1952 which made available a larger supply of skins to pullerries. The indicated number of skins pulled was 28 percent larger than 1952. The average weight of wool pulled per skin was 3.53 pounds, compared with 3.69 pounds in 1952.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND INCOME, UNITED STATES, 1942-53

Year	Sheep shorn number	Weight per fleece	Production shorn wool	Price per pound	Cash receipts	Pulled wool production	Total shorn and pulled wool production
1944	43,165	7.84	338,318	42.3	143,224	73,500	411,818
1945	38,763	7.95	307,976	41.9	128,970	70,500	378,476
1946	34,647	8.11	280,908	42.3	118,805	61,300	342,208
1947	30,953	8.12	251,425	42.0	105,564	56,600	308,025
1948	28,649	8.09	231,770	49.2	114,055	46,600	278,370
1949	26,382	8.07	212,899	49.4	105,223	35,600	248,499
1950	26,387	8.16	215,422	62.1	133,729	32,400	247,823
1951	27,357	8.24	225,545	97.0	218,832	25,900	251,448
1952	28,172	8.25	232,373	54.2	125,889	33,600	265,974
1953	27,756	8.30	230,343	54.7	126,109	41,000	271,340
1942-51 Av.	35,348	8.04	283,140	50.8	138,181	53,430	336,570

*Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.

†The average price is for the marketing season April through March. 1952 and 1953 includes an allowance for loan wool.

‡Preliminary.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND INCOME, 1952 AND 1953, BY STATES

STATE & DIV.	Sheep shorn number (000)	Wt. per fleece (lbs.)	Production (000) lbs.	Price per pound cents	Cash receipts (000) Dol.	Sheep shorn number (000)	Wt. per fleece (lbs.)	Production (000) lbs.	Price per pound cents	Cash receipts (000) Dol.
Maine	20	6.4	128	58.	74	22	7.0	154	57.	.88
N. H.	7	6.0	52	53.	22	7	6.7	41	55.	.34
Vt.	9	6.9	62	54.	22	9	6.8	60	56.	.40
Mass.	7	7.1	64	56.	22	11	6.8	75	54.	.27
R. I.	6	6.5	13	42.	22	8	6.2	50	54.	.27
Conn.	6	6.6	46	52.	24	8	6.2	50	54.	.27
N. Y.	122	7.5	915	57.	524	130	7.7	1,001	54.	.51
N. J.	111	7.4	81	52.	42	12	7.2	86	54.	.46
Pa.	216	7.6	1,642	53.	870	234	7.5	1,755	59.	1,035
Ohio	1,062	8.5	9,027	52.	4,469	1,115	8.7	9,700	54.	5,238
Indiana	375	7.6	2,850	59.	1,396	413	7.6	3,139	51.	1,601
Illinois	564	7.9	4,454	48.	2,138	589	8.1	4,788	49.	2,346
Mich.	353	8.2	2,895	52.	1,505	360	8.4	3,024	52.	1,572
Wis.	234	7.6	1,778	55.	978	241	7.7	1,856	50.	.928
Minn.	694	7.7	5,344	55.	2,939	742	8.0	5,935	50.	2,968
Iowa	886	8.0	7,088	50.	3,544	984	8.2	8,069	52.	4,196
Mo.	962	6.9	6,653	50.	3,326	890	7.2	6,396	53.	3,390
N. Dak.	398	9.3	3,701	52.	1,925	422	9.3	925	59.	1,923
S. Dak.	838	8.8	7,371	57.	4,201	865	8.7	7,564	54.	4,085
Nebr.	654	7.6	4,985	49.	2,443	520	7.4	4,863	50.	1,932
Kans.	484	8.3	4,007	45.	1,803	366	8.1	2,959	51.	1,509
Del.	3	6.6	20	54.	11	3	6.5	20	50.	10
Md.	40	6.6	264	54.	143	40	6.6	264	51.	135
Va.	287	5.3	1,521	59.	897	289	5.6	1,290	56.	890
W. Va.	286	5.5	1,516	59.	894	298	5.7	1,379	56.	884
N. C.	40	5.5	220	53.	117	42	5.7	239	53.	124
S. C.	4	4.9	20	54.	11	4	5.4	22	52.	11
Ga.	10	5.7	57	53.	30	12	5.3	64	52.	33
Fla.	3	4.0	12	50.	6	3	4.0	12	52.	6
Ky.	615	6.5	3,998	55.	2,199	615	6.6	4,059	53.	2,151
Tenn.	252	5.4	1,361	52.	708	252	5.5	1,386	55.	.762
Ala.	16	6.4	102	53.	54	17	6.2	105	52.	.55
Miss.	62	5.4	335	56.	188	70	5.1	357	58.	.207
Ark.	33	5.3	175	52.	91	35	5.2	182	50.	.91
La.	93	3.5	326	52.	170	104	3.5	364	56.	.204
Okla.	116	8.3	963	43.	414	108	8.1	883	45.	.397
Texas	5,973	7.7	46,277	58.	26,841	5,421	7.8	42,511	63.	26,782
Mont.	1,605	9.7	15,568	60.	9,341	1,573	9.7	15,258	60.	9,155
Idaho	998	9.9	9,880	54.	5,335	989	10.1	9,989	51.4	5,094
Wyo.	2,017	10.0	20,170	51.	10,287	1,998	10.1	20,180	49.	9,888
Colo.	1,286	9.1	11,688	52.	6,078	1,286	9.0	11,636	51.	5,924
N. Mex.	1,332	8.7	11,590	49.	5,679	1,256	9.0	11,349	52.	5,901
Ariz.	350	7.4	2,590	50.	1,295	381	7.4	2,808	47.	1,320
Utah	1,913	9.3	12,311	56.	6,838	1,326	9.4	12,464	52.	6,481
Nev.	446	8.7	3,880	56.	2,173	442	8.5	3,757	54.	2,029
Wash.	311	9.4	2,927	55.	1,610	326	9.5	3,098	52.	1,611
Oreg.	634	9.0	5,706	54.	2,081	634	8.8	5,579	55.	3,068
Calif.	2,140	7.4	15,850	56.	8,896	2,289	7.0	16,135	58.	9,358
U. S.	28,172	8.25	232,373	54.2	125,889	27,756	8.30	230,343	54.7	126,109
U. S. Pulled Wool			33,600					41,000		

*Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.

†For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the amount of wool shorn per sheep and lambs during the year.

‡Average for marketing season April-March, including an allowance for loan wool. 1953 preliminary.

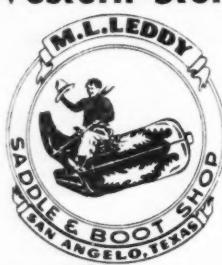
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By JACK TAYLOR

(March 24, 1954)

THE FOLLOWING registered Rambouillet breeders have recently become active members of the Association: Eddie F. Smith — Sonora, Texas; Maynard Hill — Del Rio, Texas; Alfred Schwening, Jr. — Sonora, Texas; R. R. Schultz — Columbus, Wisconsin; R. Don Cahill — Round Rock, Texas; and Quintin Ballou — Seely, Wyoming.

Mr. R. R. Schultz, the new member from Wisconsin, is a manufacturer of paint rollers. He has his factory and office outside of Columbus on a farm stocked with registered Ram-

bouillet sheep. He plans to use a picture of a Rambouillet ram head on the wrappers of his paint rollers, which are shipped to all parts of the country.

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An outstanding cattle and lamb feeder recently stated in a magazine article that he must have a 5c spread in price to make a profit feeding cattle, but needs only a 3c spread to make a profit feeding lambs.

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R. O. Sheffield, Association President from San Angelo, has accepted an invitation to judge the adult and junior Rambouillet breeding sheep classes at the Pan-American Livestock Exposition — State Fair of Texas, October 9 through 17.

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The registered Rambouillet ram, W. S. Hansen K-651, owned by Oren A. Wright of Greenwood, Indiana, won the Indiana Gold Medal Lamb Club Trophy for the third consecutive year in 1953. This ram sired 43 lambs that averaged 88 pounds at 4 months of age. Competition is open to all breeds.

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The Ram Sale Committee of the San Angelo Registered Rambouillet Ram Show and Sale will meet at 10:00 A.M. May 8 at the Ranch Experiment Station, Sonora, Texas, during the Ram Progeny Test Field Day.

At a meeting in San Angelo during the recent Fat Stock Show, R. O. Sheffield was elected Chairman of the Sale Committee, replacing Leo Richardson, who had completed two terms. All members from last year's Committee were reappointed. The Sale is sponsored by the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association.

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Magazine writers and livestock authorities are currently pointing out that now is an excellent time to go into the sheep business. Sheep return more per dollar invested than any other class of livestock; lambs are the only open class of livestock that can produce a prime product from pasture alone; and lamb and wool are in SHORT SUPPLY — and expected to be so for at least ten years. There is no better way to utilize crop land made excess by acreage allotments than pasture and feeds for a flock of sheep.

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Prentice H. Harris, member from Gladiola, New Mexico, reports that one of his Rambouillet stud rams produced the breed champion fleece at the New Mexico State Wool Show. This ram was also given a 5-star open-face rating by the New Mexico Extension Service.

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Leo Richardson, Association past president from Iraan, Texas, recently reported coons had killed four ewes on his ranch in one week. Even the varmints are having a rough go in Pecos County during the drouth!

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At the last weighing of the rams on test at the Sonora Experiment Station, Dr. Bill McGee pointed out to a number of cooperators that the highest clean wool producing sire group in the first test (1948-49), 7.3 pounds, was lower than the lowest clean wool producing group in the

last test (1952-53), 7.4 pounds. In five years the average clean wool production of all Rambouillet rams has been increased almost one-third.

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Grabbert Brothers of Emblem, Wyoming, sold 1,400 yearling ewes bred to lamb May 1st to W. T. Stephenson, Salem, Indiana, at \$23.50 per head — delivered February 4th.

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J. S. Alge of Arlington, Ohio, recently sold 7 head of registered Rambouillet yearling ewes to O. T. Steward of Harrogate, Tennessee.

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The flock of the late Hume Sparks, Ephraim, Utah, is being dispersed to other Ephraim sheepmen — Walter N. Sparks, Rulon Mortensen, Valton Mortensen, and Harold Jensen.

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Wynn Hansen, Collinston, Utah, recently sold 12 registered ewes to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stranghoner, of Ashland, Kansas.

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Though the Texas stock show season is barely one month past, hard-driving 4-H Club and FFA boys and girls are already selecting lambs for next year's junior breeding shows; and it's a pretty good bet they will come up with just a little bit better sheep, cared for just a little bit better — at least they have every years — even though some of the classes have looked almost perfect.

The large number of junior breeders all over the sheep-producing states doing an excellent job gives assurance that the Rambouillet breed will be in good hands in the coming years.

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J. W. Ruegner of Katemey, Texas, has sold 21 head of registered Rambouillet ewes to Edgar Ince of Mason, Texas.

**FEED RELIEF TO BE
EXTENDED SAYS FISHER**

THE OFFICE of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association received a wire from Representative O. C. Fisher of San Angelo in late March that those parts of West Texas where rain will not provide enough grazing for livestock by April 15 would continue to be supported by the drouth relief program. This encouragement was received after the state office of Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation had announced that the program would end on April 15.

Kenneth L. Scott is reported by Mr. Fisher to have given assurance of continued feed relief. Mr. Scott is in charge of the United States Department of Agriculture drouth relief program in Washington.

Most ranchmen in West Texas have been depending upon drouth relief feed to carry their ewes through lambing time. A good lamb crop on the ground has encouraged the ranchmen to try to raise them and the feed relief program has been practically all the support they have for providing feed for their livestock.

Gus Hartgrove sold to the Midwest Feed Yards, San Angelo, March 24, 544 milk lambs at 22½ cents a pound. The lambs averaged 68.6 pounds per head. Hartgrove also sold 43 spring lambs to W. C. Vordick at 22½ cents.

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San Antonio Market

SHEEP AND lambs were marketed in increased volume during March but demand for slaughter classes proved broad enough to allow some price advance. Shorn slaughter lambs made up the major share, but there were a few Spring lambs and a moderate showing aged sheep on offer.

Since the last of February fat lamb prices have advanced \$1.00 to \$1.50, while good and choice aged ewes and wethers gained \$2.00 to \$3.00. Feeder and stocker lambs kept pace with slaughter offerings.

Bulk good and choice spring lambs sold from \$23.00 to \$24.00, with the top sale \$24.75 for choice to prime 78 lb. weights. Choice woolled lambs sold up to \$22.00, a few choice and prime at \$22.35, while bulk good to choice centered at \$20.00 to \$21.50. Good and choice shorn lambs ranged mainly \$18.00 to \$19.50. On late run lightweight cull and utility old crop lambs were under pressure selling in the relatively wide range of \$10.00 to \$18.00. A few good to choice shorn yearlings scored \$15.00 to \$16.00, while choice aged wethers reached \$14.00, and the choice ewes topped at \$12.00. Bulk cull and utility ewes sold at \$5.00 to \$8.00, with good offerings at \$8.50 to \$10.50. Good and choice woolled feeding or shearing lambs earned \$19.00 to \$20.25, similar shorn kinds at \$18.00 to \$19.00.

Goats

Shorn Angora goats were marketed in increased volume as the shearing season progressed, but kids were being offered in rather small volume. The increased supply caused most buyers to bid lower and since February slaughter goat prices have declined about 50c per cwt. and kids around 50 cents per head. Bulk medium and good shorn Angora goats and a moderate showing Spanish types ranged from \$6.25 to \$7.50, mostly downward from \$7.00 on late sessions. Cull and common lots scored \$5.00 to \$6.00. Slaughter kids ranged from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per head in an uneven trade, with most late sales centered around \$3.00 to \$4.00 per head. Trading in stocker goats was dull.

Jack Boyd, Sweetwater, was reported the latter part of March to have sold 665 4-year Rambouillet ewes with 770 lambs already marked up to Alfred Owens, San Angelo sheep buyer, for April 15 delivery out of the wool.

Russell Hays and Roy Jackson, San Angelo, have purchased 510 lambs for delivery to a Nebraska feedlot. 43 head of 98 pound lambs were purchased from Guy Barton, San Angelo; 106 head, 112-pound lambs from W. C. Waddell, Water Valley; 361 head, 93½ pounds, from Street Whitley, Mertzon.

Miles Culwell, San Angelo, has bought from Hubert Whitfield and Roscoe Graham, San Angelo, 1,600 wool lambs at 20½ cents for delivery to an Iowa buyer. The lambs weighed around 80 pounds.

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Washington Parade

By JAY RICHTER

THERE WAS little doubt in Washington as this issue went to press that a wool bill would be passed. Big question being asked was, when and how it would be put through?

"Riders" tacked to the wool bill — calling for higher dairy price supports and continued 90 percent props for "basic" crops — were slowing down the legislation. Whether it would be delayed until Congress passed an over-all farm law nobody could be sure.

There were indications this could happen. Influential Cliff Hope, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, indicated that his committee would consider wool legislation as part of the whole farm program. Chances were, in this case, that a new wool program would be held up until late spring or summer.

Recession fears in Washington are helping advocates of high price supports on Capitol Hill. Warding off recession is now a first order of business at the White House.

If the downturn continues, it is felt here that Eisenhower's thinking may veer toward higher farm supports.

To date, this year, both employment and business activity has declined considerably more than Eisenhower's economic advisers figured. This is known to have vexed and also worried the Chief Executive.

The economic weather is not good for Agriculture Secretary Benson, say insiders here. The downturn, they think, has lessened chances Eisenhower would veto legislation calling for high price supports.

Benson says he "probably would recommend" a veto, but this also would put Eisenhower in a tough spot. He'd have to go against a majority of his own party in Congress — in a year when they are campaigning to keep their jobs.

Fireworks during USDA testimony on the farm bill in the Senate Agriculture Committee seemed like a tea party compared with House Ag Com-

mittee hearings in which Benson testified. Attacks on Benson proposals by powerful farm bloc congressman cleared up any doubt as to what the House Committee will recommend:

Continued high price props.

Chairman Hope of the House Ag Committee, forced Benson to back up on a statement that wheat surpluses were caused almost exclusively by high supports.

Under the Kansan's questioning, Benson finally admitted that the present high support program "certainly hasn't been the sole cause, but it has been a contributing factor." He conceded that part of the surplus wheat problem could have been avoided if the Truman Administration had imposed production controls.

Hope then told Benson he was "hardly correct" in blaming the present program for the surpluses.

There is one prospect that could really confound the Agriculture Secretary — whether he is Benson, or anybody else. That is the prospect that Congress will insist on continued rigid supports — but will go along with the Administration's idea of setting aside some \$2½ billion worth of surplus commodities.

A set-aside would theoretically ease or eliminate the production controls. With supports remaining at present levels, however, surpluses would tend to mount still higher.

Insiders here think Congress, in the final stretch, won't approve both set-aside and rigid supports. But, they warn, stranger things have happened.

Whatever happens in the Republican-Democratic fight over tax policy, changes are likely that will be of help to farmers. Almost certain, now, is passage of legislation allowing farmers to deduct cost of permanent-type soil practices as expenses in future income tax returns.

Unofficial estimates place savings for farmers at about \$10 million. It is hoped the legislation also will encourage farmers to carry out more of the practices on which "deducts" would be allowed.

These, as the bill now provides, would be "Expenditures for soil and water conservation . . . for treatment or moving of earth. These expenditures include, but are not limited to, levelling, grading, and terracing; contour furrowing; construction of diversion channels and drainage ditches; control and protection of water courses, outlets and ponds; eradication of brush; and planting of wind-breaks."

If the business downturn continues, farmers may figure directly and indirectly in Administration actions to offset the impact. "Donations" of government-held surpluses to welfare clients are a possibility . . . perhaps another food stamp plan. It has not been advertised, but "public works" projects to give hard-hit farmers extra work have been tentatively talked in Washington.

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Some Canadian researchers at Manyberries, Alberta, have been breeding buffalo cows to Hereford bulls hoping to get range-hardy beef cattle that are top beef producers. The hybrids are called cattalo. The first cross bulls are sterile but the cows produce calves.

During feed lot trials yearling cattalo bulls gained 1.95 pounds per day, Herefords gained 2.25 pounds per day and buffalo bulls averaged 1.45 pounds.

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Some of our livestock researchers have come up with some almost miraculous methods for picking out animals with the inherent ability to make top gains on ranges and in feed lots.

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A California investigator, Dr. Paul Gregory, says that bulls with a small bulge over the brow may carry the genes of dwarfism. He has developed a profilometer which he believes will detect animals with bulging profiles.

Gregory's viewpoint has created widespread debate among livestock investigators. He claims the profilometer has already been used successfully on several herds in finding carriers of dwarfism.

U. S. D. A. men report that they can measure the fatness of cattle, sheep and hogs, by injecting the drug, antipyrine, into the blood stream. Later on they can tell how much fat animals carry by measuring the amount of the drug left in the body.

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The guilty beetle is a sap sucker. He picks up the oak-wilt fungus spores and carries them from infected trees to clean ones.

Self-feeders for meal-salt should be placed at least one-fourth of a mile from water. If drinking water is close to meal-salt, it may become polluted with the mixture dropped from muzzles. Animals drink less water, scouring and loss of weight may result.

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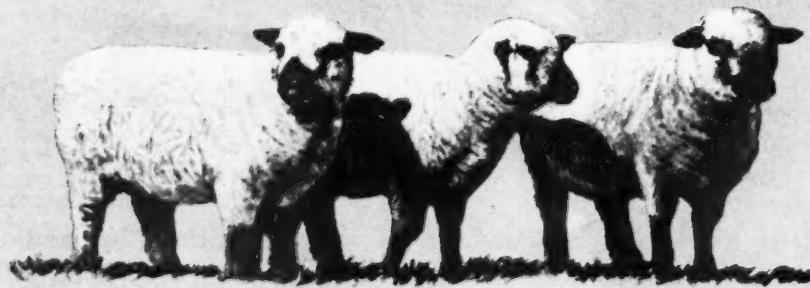
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Grazing capacity of mixed prairie ranges east of Cheyenne, Wyoming, was increased about one-third when treated with either small closely spaced contours or disc-pitting. The results occurred on ranges where 75 to 85 percent of the plants were blue grama and buffalograss. The remaining cover was primarily western wheatgrass, needle-and-thread, Sandberg bluegrass, prairie Junegrass and dryland sedges. The benefits were greatest where western wheatgrass and needle-and-thread were fairly abundant. The contour and disc-pitting treatments favored the increase of these two midgrasses. Benefits from both treatments were about equal.

After four years of drouth ranchmen ran out of grass. This Sanderson, Texas, ranchman is trying to save some of his top breeding ewes by feeding them a mixture of cottonseed hulls, meal and salt.

Diverted acres can be planted to temporary and perennial pasture to provide feed for livestock that have been short of grass for several years. Grass and legumes are excellent for soil conservation and grazing. Extra wheat acres like those in this picture can be grazed by livestock instead of being harvested for grain. Protein content of young wheat pasture runs from 12 to 20 percent and carotene content is high.

Sheep are grazing native grass that the owner planted on an eroded field that was too steep, infertile and sandy to be farmed.

Range near Sonora, Texas, was accidentally burned in 1949 and was seeded that year to King Ranch bluestem. Grass seed was planted the broadcast method. King Ranch bluestem came into a good stand in 1950 as indicated in the photograph. Grass was not grazed until well established.

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QUARTERLY REPORT OF COLEMAN AUXILIARY

THE AUXILIARY of the Coleman County Breeder Feeder Association and Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association met in regular session January 4, 1954, at the Recreation Building at 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. John Alexander of San Saba, President of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Auxiliary, gave a talk on the past National Sheep and Goat Raisers' convention at Long Beach, California, and discussed the promotion of lamb and wool. Mrs. Alexander also installed the following officers: President - Mrs. S. T. Lindsey; Vice-President - Mrs. Weldon Davis;

Secretary - Mrs. Tom Kingsbury; Treasurer - Mrs. J. O. Brown; Reporter - Mrs. Gertrude Horne.

Mrs. Lindsey called the meeting to order and roll call was answered by 33 members.

Past officers read their reports, and the reports of committees were also given. The group has a \$345.73 balance on hand.

Seven new members were voted

into the Auxiliary and other routine business was attended to before the meeting was adjourned.

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DROUGHT-WEARY West Texas livestock producers are advised not to reseed their ranges if as much as 15 percent of the native, key grasses are still on the ranges.

Deferred grazing and proper stocking are cheaper methods of recovery, explains A. H. Walker, extension range specialist.

Walker compares reseeding with the preparations for a cash crop. Permanent grasslands should be planted with seed of high germination and purity and on a good, comparatively deep soil. Some areas, he points out, need first to be fertilized and revitalized with an annual grass and legume crop.

He recommends reseeding in the West Texas area in May or June. Best results are obtained if the new grasses are seeded in rows, then followed with a cultipacker or roller.

The correct seeding rate is another consideration. Cover the seed from one-quarter to one-half inch and do not graze the young plants the first season. Either let the plants grow a one-inch crown or produce a seed crop before livestock are turned in.

While reseeding programs pay off if properly managed, Walker says, they take time, patience, work and cost money. For that reason he suggests that producers not reseed if some of the native forage plants are present.

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BEAVER Slide is havin' a big boom and now calls itself the metropolis of Lower Minnow Creek. It has a picker sack repair deepo, a pack saddle factory, and three kinds of smoke.

The editor of the Hardscrabble Clarion says he knows of three wives that beat their husbands, but he ain't gonna print their names less'n they pay reglar advertisin' rates.

It's about time that the storekeepers in this town was learn't some manners. They'll dun a feller for a debt that has been outlawed for years.

Looks like there's gonna be a bad shortage of space to store grain next summer, but Fodge Rucker ain't worried. He has his order in for six charred oak kegs.

I'm no bandit. I don't want to take things away from other people. I want the guverment to do it for me.

The legislacher really ought to make the bullfrog the state bird of Texas. Now there's a bird that knows when to croak and when not to sing.

Never do I feel so humble as when I size up the works of some public servant I helped to elect.

If people knewed the facts they wouldn't criticize my nephew. Frogmoss, for bein' so careful not to wear out shoe leather. Frogmoss has only one pair of shoes but two pairs of pants.

Couldn't figger out what to do with all them income tax blanks comin' through the mail, till I heard that Uncle Skink Hippie still loads his own shotgun shells. That guverment paper sure makes fine wads.

Rich people out this way have stopped drinkin' coffee. Nobody can afford the stuff now except them as is poor and means to stay that way.

These spring days is just too fine to waste workin'. All the jobs I can't put off for good I'm puttin' off till summer when it's too hot to work.

I'm plumb tired of these folks that's forever groanin' that they have to diet. I was on a diet for years and never said a word about it to nobody but the WPA.

All us Johnsons is sure proud of our family. Ain't one of us bein' supported at public expense, less'n you count three or four that's in the penitentiary.

It's six months since Tadpole Whepley advertised for a wife in the Hardscrabble Clarion and got himself all married up. Tadpole says advertising sure brings results but he ain't sure it pays.

These fine springs days make a feller feel almost as good as if he was half as smart as the politishuns tell him he is, ridin' around in a car half as perfect as the dealers advertise.

Just s'pose the Civil War had gone the other way and the South had separated from the North. Which would now be sendin' foreign aid to the other?

Count that day won if you get through it with enough strength to stagger into tomorrow.

Nope, my conshunce don't hurt me a mite on account of all the stuff I swiped when I was a boy. I'm just sorry I was too little to pack real big loads.

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A member of one of Ike's commishuns got fired for not workin' on his job. Just goes to show what can happen to anybody without a union to stick up for his rights.

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The livestock department of the State Fair of Texas has announced some changes and improvements in

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Class	Premium
1 - Fat Lamb (Delaine, Rambouillet, purebred or grade or cross of these two breeds)	50 places
2 - Fat Lamb (Southdown, Shropshire, or Cheviot, purebred or grade, or cross of these breeds)	25 places
3 - Fat Lamb (Hampshire or Suffolk, purebred or grade, or cross of these two breeds)	35 places
4 - Fat Lamb (Southdown, Shropshire, or Cheviot crossbred)	25 places
5 - Fat Lamb (Hampshire or Suffolk crossbred)	50 places
6 - Fat Lamb (Columbia, Corriedale, or Panama purebred, grade or a cross of these breeds)	25 places
7 - Champion Fine Wool Type Lamb (winners from Classes 1 and 6 competing)	\$ 8.00
8 - Reserve Champion Fine Wool Type Lamb (winners from Classes 1 and 6 competing)	\$ 5.00
9 - Champion Mutton Type Lamb (winners from Classes 2, 3, 4, and 5 competing)	\$ 8.00
10 - Reserve Champion Mutton Type Lamb (winners from Classes 2, 3, 4, and 5 competing)	\$ 5.00
11 - Grand Champion Lamb	\$14.00
12 - Reserve Grand Champion Lamb	\$10.00

Lamb classes defined:

Class 4: This class to include lambs sired by either Southdown, Shropshire, or Cheviot Rams and out of fine wool ewes.

Class 5: This is to include lambs

sired by either Hampshire or Suffolk Rams and out of fine wool ewes.

Class 6: This is to include lambs sired by Columbia, Corriedale, or Panama Rams and out of Columbia, Corriedale, Panama, or fine wool ewes.

NUMBER SHEEP, LAMBS LOWER THIS YEAR

TOTAL SHEEP numbers in the United States declined for the second successive year, according to the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture. On January 1st, 1954, the total sheep on hand amounted to 30.9 million head, which was three percent below the total on hand a year ago. The number of sheep on feed dropped four percent, while the number of stock sheep declined three percent, to 26.9 million head. Although the lamb crop was fully seven percent larger than in 1952, it was not sufficiently large to maintain sheep inventories, due to the sharply increased rate of slaughter of sheep and lambs in 1953 over 1952. Increased slaughter resulted from the larger number on feed at the beginning of the year and the marketing of a larger proportion of the 1953 lamb crop for slaughter. Most North Atlantic, South Pacific and South Central States had as many or more stock sheep on hand as a year ago. However, they were offset by decreases in Texas and in most of the Corn Belt, and the Western States.

Walter E. Kruse, who has been the county agricultural agent of Parker County for the last two years, is being transferred to Ellis County. Kruse was well known as an exhibitor of lambs while he was in 4-H and FFA work in Bosque County. He is well acquainted in the Hill Country, because at one time he was a livestock specialist with a feed concern and worked in that area.

Roy Lackey writes in from Adamsville to inform us that he has moved

from the Brackettville country. He says, "I have moved to Lampasas County down among the Delaine breeders. They tell me Rambouilletts won't do any good down here, but so far I have 152% lamb crop on Wallace Hendricks Rambouillet ewes. We have some green feed and brush is putting out."

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**Comments and Predictions
On the Wool Industry**

SOME OF the best authorities have come out with wool market and prospect analysis which go like this, generally.

Fluctuations in the wool market, worldwide, will be less evident in the coming months and any market weakness will be temporary.

The outlook for the future tends to indicate a stronger or strengthened wool market.

Mohair prices will go lower if domestic growers are willing, otherwise should show and hold to increasing strength. Supply is still short.

The Russian interest in the wool market has caused sharp reaction in world markets. It has been matched by increased buying by American interests.

The free supply of wool in this country is being steadily reduced.

Consumption of wool in this country is expected to show definite increase the balance of this year and next year.

Both 1954 and 1955 are expected to be good years for the wool grower price-wise.

A definite lessening of drought difficulties will immediately throw the western sheep industry into intense trading activity. The pent-up demand for sheep to restock western ranges will have an immediate reaction upon all sheep prices — how drastic is yet to be seen, but many believe that ewes of good quality will sell for around \$30 again. That's about how much feed and expense some ranchmen have in them.

Restocking in many range areas where grass has been severely hurt or completely killed will be slow. However, there are thousands of small ranches and stock farms which have little livestock and no sheep. These operators are said to be watching the sheep situation closely and will get on the bandwagon right away with any definite settling of the wool legislation uproar and drought-erasing rains.

The small farm will continue to in-

crease in importance as a factor in the sheep industry, and the balance of sheep numbers will continue its trend east. The reversal in Texas probably occurred in 1951.

The publicity attending the marked increase in cattle numbers has finally become of some influence in turning livestock growers to other livestock.

One authority has predicted that with a little luck "the golden age of the domestic sheep industry is just around the corner."

Growers need and must have protection by the national government. This seems to be in the offing.

Growers need to do some research in development of better marketing methods. This may be done.

Growers need to do better and more productive promotion and advertising of wool. This now seems to be assured.

Growers need to develop a program of some strength and consistency in the advertising of lamb. In this there seems to be some feeble stirring; but the perfection of a satisfactory promotion program seems to be deplorably remote, due to the inability of the growers to evolve a simple, workable, inclusive fund collection plan. There is something in the works now which may prove to be resultful.

Growers of sheep have had more than their share of bad publicity. The cattle industry has suffered tremendously from the adverse publicity it has received during the past ten or fifteen years. The metropolitan press — labor conscious — has belittled, berated, ridiculed and condemned the cattle industry until the cowman has hardly a friend in the urban population and he is blamed for high meat prices and even high food prices. The sheepman has suffered along with the cattleman, and in many angles of publicity to an even more severe degree. Therein lies a great challenge to the livestock people.

DOGS AND BURROS

February 13, 1954

WE READ with interest in the February issue of the Sheep and Goat Raiser the letter from A. B. McReynolds, Kiamich Mountains Mission, Talihina, Oklahoma.

My husband and I are familiar with this mission and the good work it is trying to do and we are hunting "burros" in this country now — They must be obsolete around here.

However, Mr. McReynolds did not mention the wonderful dogs the mission has for sale. They are American Black Shepherds, intelligent and affectionate — easily trained to work stock. Since the mission tries to be partly self-supporting, they will sell or exchange pups for sheep. Perhaps some of your readers will be interested in that.

Jack joins me in best regards to you.

SALLY RICHARDSON
(Mrs. Jack Richardson)
Uvalde, Texas

Directors Meet

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as much as a ten cent reduction in wool prices.

It was brought out that the incentive payment level would be set by the Secretary of Agriculture and might be set at a 58 to 62 cent per pound level, that payment would be made by the Commodity Credit Corporation in total amounts not to exceed 70 percent of duties collected on certain tariff levies — money would actually come from the Treasury even though replaced by these tariffs. He explained there would be no floor price — that producer would sell his clip at whatever price he could get; should be as high as possible — and at end of year the Secretary of Agriculture would compute the average selling price of all wool over the country and each grower would receive the percentage increase the average price needed to bring it up to the incentive level.

Mohair To Be Included

It was brought out that mohair would be supported at same price in relation to wool price — did not know just what the level would be, but that mohair was no part of the 300 million pound goal mentioned in the bill.

There was considerable discussion both favoring and opposing the incentive payment plan.

It was moved by Steve Stumberg and seconded that the meeting take no action, but leave decision to officers to do the best they could. Edwin Mayer offered substitute motion, seconded by Roger Gillis, that the meeting go on record as opposing the incentive payment plan. Discussion followed. H. C. Noelke moved, seconded by Gay Sieker, that substitute motion be tabled. Tabled motion carried, 40 to 35. Steve Stumberg agreed to change "officers" to "Advisory Committee" in his original motion. Motion was voted and carried. Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:35.

Wool and Mohair Improvement

The afternoon session was convened at 2:30 P.M. Fred Earwood reported on progress of work on wool and mohair improvement. He exhibited a sample of an illustrated placard to be displayed in warehouses. The following recommendation was offered by the Wool & Mohair Marketing Committee and was adopted:

"We recommend that members of this Association promote their own product by requesting wool and/or mohair upholstery when purchasing automobiles and furniture."

Mexican Labor

R. W. Hodge, Chairman, Mexican Labor Committee, reported on the bracero situation, stating that unilateral program would not be used as the United States and Mexico had made a new agreement — that unilateral program would have been much better. He told of discussions with Don Larin, Chief of the Farm Placement Division, Congressman Fisher, and Senator Daniel regarding the setting up of a processing center, for ranch hands only, in Del Rio.

Jack Canning, Chairman, Lamb Committee, reported that all committee discussions had been regarding the raising of the 2 cent per head promotion fund and the advisability of raising dues from 25c per bag to 50c per bag with the increase to take care of all promotion work. The committee recommended that the 2c per head deduction being made on the central markets be made also on country sales and all other avenues through which sheep are sold, and that the Association make every effort to help those deductions.

Research Committee Report

Henry Horn, Chairman, College, Research & Extension Committee, offered the following recommendations: (1) We recommend that a supplemental project be added to the range management project now being carried on at the Sonora Experiment Station by setting up three pastures to be grazed by Angora goats only and at the three rates of stocking now being studied. (2) We commend the Soil Conservation Districts for their interest and continued support of the guajillo problem. (3) We recommend the continuation of this association's Feed Control Law Committee and extend a vote of thanks to the committee for its work and to Mr. F. R. Brock, Chief, Feed Control Service, for his past assistance and offer of continued assistance. The motion was seconded and recommendations were adopted.

Membership Committee Report

Penrose Metcalfe, Chairman of the Membership Committee, mentioned that members should contact warehouses and request that they deduct dues. The following recommendations were made and adopted by directors: (1) We recommend that all members of the committee contact warehousemen in their own county and to request that each collect dues on all wool sold and make refunds if necessary. (2) We recommend that the Secretary supply members of this committee with list of all members in their counties. (3) We recommend that advisability of having signs made like those of Cattle Associations be investigated and reported at next district meeting. (4) We suggest that Secretary make frequent visits to warehouses over state. (5) We recom-

mend that advisability of holding group or county meetings of sheep growers over the area to promote Association be explored.

There was no report from the Predatory Animal and the Warehouse & Dues Committee.

Stewart Resigns

J. T. Davis, Chairman, Traffic Committee, reported that Charles A. Stewart, Traffic Counsel for the TS&GRA and the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, had resigned because of difficulty in getting livestock commission firms to make the necessary deduction from livestock sales, but that Stewart would continue to represent both Associations for \$500.00 per month and no expenses. Following a motion and second, President Pfluger appointed J. B. McCord, J. T. Davis, Steve Stumberg and himself as a committee to meet with a committee from the Cattle Raisers at their annual convention March 23-24.

General Resolutions

J. B. McCord, Chairman, General Resolutions Committee, read and moved the adoption of the following resolutions: WHEREAS, Mrs. Toka Grove became associated with our organization, in the capacity of Assistant Secretary, and after a short period of time, was required by reason of health to resign this position and during her term as Assistant Secretary she displayed great loyalty and conscientiousness in her work. BE IT RESOLVED: That her qualifications be acknowledged by the Board of Directors along with our wishes for the speedy recovery of her health. WHEREAS: The Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, in this instance representing the people of Val Verde County, has provided so graciously and unselfishly for this Second Quarterly Directors Meeting of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association and has co-operated with every wish and desire of this group to the end that a successful conduct of the pertinent business might be accomplished. BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors and visiting members of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association feel a deep gratitude for all the courtesies shown them by these good people of Val Verde County, and that a copy of this resolution be

spread upon the minutes of this meeting. They were unanimously adopted.

President Pfluger stated the next meeting would be in Alpine, Texas, on June 5.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

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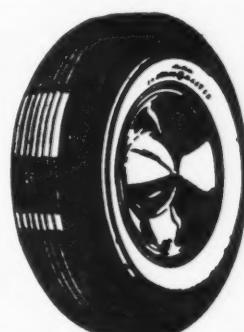
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"Miss Wool" Makes Visits To Texas Colleges

"MISS WOOL" is making personal appearances at Texas colleges and universities this Spring in an effort to interest more college coeds in entering the 1954 contest.

Miss Kathryn Gromatzky, who is the present "Miss Wool," began her college tour while in San Angelo for the Fat Stock Show and Rodeo in late February. She was the guest at San Angelo College and talked to a number of girls at Carr Hall.

One of her major spring trips was to Houston March 24-25, when she appeared at both the University of Houston and Rice Institute and as a guest on each of Houston's three television stations. She was met at the airport March 24 by a representative of the Women's Council at Rice, who took her on a tour of the Rice campus that morning. After a luncheon as guest of the Women's Council, "Miss Wool" talked to a group of girls at Fondren Library Auditorium. That evening she appeared on the television show "Tonight" over KNUZ-TV.

After being guest on the "Guys Next Door" television program over KPRC-TV on March 25, Miss Gromatzky went to the University of Houston for an evening which included appearing on KUHT, the university's television station, having dinner with the Women's Student Association, and talking to a large crowd of girls at the Anderson Library Auditorium.

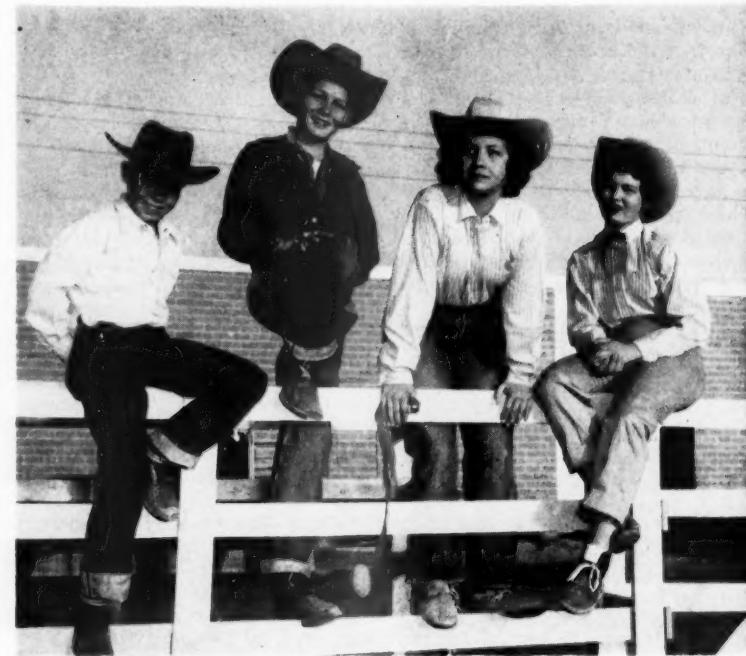
On Monday, March 29, "Miss Wool" visited the Texas Christian University Campus in Fort Worth and met with interested girls in Waits Hall's Modern Lounge.

April "Miss Wool" college appearances begin April 8 when Miss Gromatzky arrives at the University of Texas in Austin. Her morning plane

will be met by members of the Chi Omega sorority, the sorority to which Miss Gromatzky belonged at North Texas College last year. The Chi Omegas are planning a luncheon in

Miss Gromatzky's honor and a tour of the campus that afternoon. At 3 P.M. she will talk to Texas University coeds in the International Building of the Texas Union, sponsored by the Union's Charm Committee. A television appearance over an Austin station on that afternoon is tentatively planned.

Baylor University is on the "Miss Wool" agenda Thursday, April 22. Sponsored by the Home Economics Club, she will speak to the Baylor girls at 2 P.M. in the South Room of

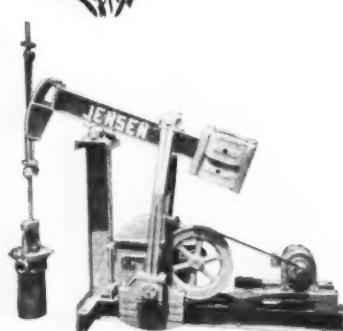


TANKERSLEY YOUNGSTERS

Young people of West Texas interested in the livestock industry get a big kick out of visiting the stock shows, especially if they can watch or participate in activities which they are studying in projects or in which they have some other personal interest. The four youngsters of Mr. and Mrs. Max Tankersley of Mertzon were highly interested in the San Angelo show. Of a well known ranch family they are, right to left, Annie, Sue, Neil and Gary.

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the Student Union Building. This will be followed by an appearance over television station KANG-TV at 3:15 P.M.

Dates for her appearance at Southern Methodist University are pending, but a representative of each SMU sorority and social organization will be chosen to be present at her meeting on that Dallas campus. Her visit to SMU will be on a Tuesday at 4 P.M.

Early this month "Miss Wool" will be the guest of the Brady Beta Sigma Phi sorority at a style show. The show is planned for Friday, April 2, at 8 P.M. The wool queen is also to attend the state Junior Chamber of Commerce convention in El Paso the last week of April.

The "Miss Wool" college tour was arranged by the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce and Board of City Development.



AT THE MARFA SHOW

(Top)

Here the boys at the Marfa F. F. A. Show study the fine points of fitting and fattening lambs. R. A. Hanson, Jr., is Vocational Agriculture instructor.

SOME CHAMPIONS OF THE MARFA F. F. A. (Bottom)

Here are some of the boys with their top lambs in the 1954 shows. Left to right: Robert Pruett, Champ; Topper Rawlings, Reserve; Suzanne Howard, Champ; Bobby Rawlings, Reserve; Bailey Wheeless, Champ; and Marjorie and Annette Chaffin.

Ranchmen around Big Lake report $\frac{1}{2}$ " rain on March 5. West of San Angelo the light rainfall was of considerable benefit.



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Marfa F. F. A. Chapter Records Successful Year

MARFA F. F. A. Chapter considers its activity in 1954 stock shows very successful — and this only the second year in which this group has participated in livestock shows. In addition to their own show, the club boys exhibited at the State Fair in Dallas, the Southwestern Exposition at Fort Worth, the Houston Fat Stock Show, and the El Paso Livestock Show.

The members interested in feeding lambs — and they won numerous top awards at the major shows — are: Johnny Finley, Ike Livingston, Kenneth Owens, Topper Rawlings, Louis Holzheuser, Barron Wheeless, Benny Greenup, Frankie Greenup, J. W.

Hewitt, Bobby Rawlings, Clegg Fowlkes, Ray Atkinson, Donald Douglass, Milton Doval, Hopie Doval, Robert Pruett, Butch Rector, Billy Roberts, Lewis Robison, Tom Robison, Snooky Waldrep, and Bailey Wheeless.

Billie Renfroe and Hank Reynolds had champion and reserve champion calves this year, while Topper and Bobby Rawlings won high awards for fitting and showing lambs.

Plans are already underway for the 1954-1955 shows in Dallas, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, and Odessa; and the boys are eager to learn how to do more jobs and to do them better.

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QUICK QUIP

The husband and wife were in the midst of a violent quarrel, and hubby was losing his temper.

"Be careful," he said to his wife, "you'll bring out the beast in me."

"So what!" the spouse replied. "Who's afraid of mice?"

HOME RUN

The devil was always challenging St. Peter to a game of baseball, but St. Peter never took him up. Finally, the Dodgers, the Giants and the Yanks all went to heaven. So naturally St. Peter called up the devil.

"Now I'll play you that game of baseball," he said.

"You'll lose," said the devil. "You'll lose."

"Oh, yeah?" replied St. Peter. "Right now I've got the greatest collection of baseball players you ever saw."

"You'll lose," said the devil. "You'll lose."

"What makes you so sure we'll lose?"

"Because," laughed the devil, "we got all the umpires down here."

SO EASY WHEN YOU KNOW HOW

Little Joe and his mother were visiting in the country. Walking along with several people, Joe pointed to a herd of cows, saying: "Hey, mamma, look, look, I can tell which one is a bull."

"Joe, not so loud."

"Mamma, wanna know how I can tell the bull?"

"Joe, keep still!"

"Mamma, want to know how I can tell the bull?"

"You just wait till I get you home."

"Hey, mamma, sure I know how to tell a bull when I see one. See, mamma, there's one. Wanna have me tell you how I can tell?"

"Joe, please keep still. Mamma'll get you anything if you'll keep still."

"Well, mamma, I can tell by the ring in his nose, that's how. See, mamma?"

While crossing the college campus a freshman met with one of his instructors and said, "What's your guess about the game next Saturday? You don't think we'll do too bad, do you?"

"Don't you mean 'badly'?" inquired the professor.

"What's the difference?" said the freshman. "You know what I mean."

"An 'ly' can make quite a difference," said the prof. He pointed to a passing co-ed. "For instance, it makes a difference whether you look at her sternly or at her stem."

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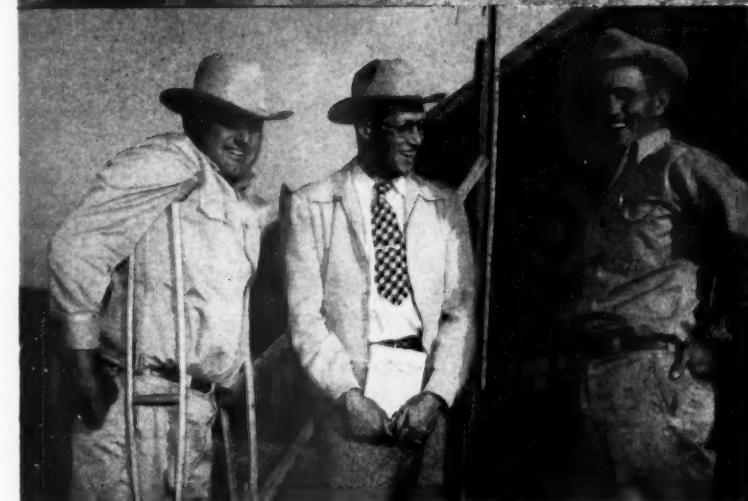
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BASES LOADED

A bachelor, left in charge of his baby niece, was faced with a crisis. He frantically called a young father acquaintance who solved the problem in this man-to-man fashion:

"First, place the diaper in position of a baseball diamond, with you at bat. Fold second base over home plate. Place baby on pitcher's mound. Then pin first and third to home plate."



TODD AND HIS CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE
(Top)

Charles Todd of Truscott had champion ram and ewe of San Angelo show. He is an aggressive young son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Todd, who have allowed him to build up a half ownership in the Todd flock of Hampshires — one of the best in the southwest — which now numbers more than 75 head of fine registered stock. Young Todd has shown this year in the Texas-Oklahoma fair at South Park, Texas, in the State Fair, Dallas, last fall and at Fort Worth, Houston and San Angelo. The ram shown here will be sold at Temple in the Texas Purebred Sheep Breeders sale, May 1.

WATCHING THE SHOW
(Bottom)

G. K. and C. C. Mitchell, right and left, of Sanderson, are shown here discussing the San Angelo stock show with Jim Gray, one of its superintendents. The Mitchells are well known ranchmen of Terrell County and enjoyed the sheep show, as did many other ranchmen of the area who attended. Mr. Gray, who is a sheep specialist of the Extension Service, has been very popular in livestock shows of the southwest, both as a superintendent and as a judge.



WILLOUGHBY EXAMINES HIGH PRICED STETSON

Ray Willoughby, San Angelo ranchman and businessman, dropped in to the men's department of Hemphill-Wells Company, San Angelo, to visit J. H. Rhoden, its manager, and inspected the famous Stetson "Treasure Hat" which is said to be valued at around \$1,500. This hat is currently touring the southwestern area where it is a focal point of interest where livestock men gather.

Mr. Willoughby, president of the National Wool Growers Association, past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, is also a past president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association — the only man who has served as president of both organizations. He is also director of many livestock and financial organizations in the area and is an active livestock operator in five West Texas counties.

Fox Calling New Sport

GENERALLY speaking, something always happens to help keep down the wild animal population. Drouth and pestilence hits the rabbit population hard and today there are scarcely any rabbits left in vast areas of West Texas. There is an increasing population of varmints, however, and competition for food is keen. The varmint problem in the sheep area has become serious since the government favored influx of foreign furs practically extinguished the domestic market for pelts.

The climate is highly favorable for a new sport — that of varmint calling. With a call, not only does this sport provide one of the most entertaining of all hunting — pot shooting — but it serves to rid the land of an increasing abundance of varmints, many of which since the practical cessation of trapping have become a problem.

The use of the "fox call" is increasing. Jack Lane down at Loma Alta is spending a lot of his time handloading "wildcat" high-power small caliber shells used in shooting varmints attracted by the call. "It sure works and handloading saves a lot of money when you shoot a lot — especially high velocity bullets — but they sure get the varmints."

Burnham Brothers at Marble Falls are old timers at the varmint calling game. "Our dad started calling foxes and wolves fifty years ago. The discovery was entirely by accident. While hunting one day he saw a wolf catch a jack rabbit. The rabbit squalled loud and hard briefly and other wolves



Proof of the Call

rushed to the scene." Now the fox calls are made and used to imitate the injured and scared rabbit. In October, 1953, some of Mr. Burnham's experiences were published in "TRUE", one event being that of Burnham calling a fox so close that the varmint bit him in the arm.

After the story appeared in "TRUE" things began to happen around the Burnham place and the brothers got into the fox call making business. The results have been wonderful, according to Murry Burnham, who is also a registered Corriedale sheep breeder near Marble Falls.

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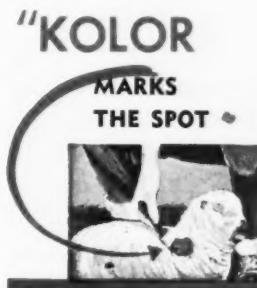
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TEXAS SHEEP AND LAMBS BRING HIGHER PRICES

TEXAS SHEEP and lamb prices advanced sharply in the face of heavier marketings during the first three weeks of March, the Agricultural Marketing Service reported.

Good demand for sheep and lambs and higher dressed lamb prices at major wholesale centers more than offset the weakening influence of heavier marketings.

This year's smaller early lamb crop and the small number of old-crop lambs remaining on Texas farms and ranches also helped strengthen the sheep and lamb market.

Although the 1954 early lamb crop in principal lamb producing states was estimated to be about three percent larger than last year, AMS's Crop Reporting Board said Texas' early lamb crop was down a little. The decline was slight as the larger lamb crop percentage offset the five percent smaller number of breeding ewes in Texas on January 1, 1954.

Feed prospects are very uncertain, particularly in the Plateau and Trans-Pecos areas. Rain is badly needed to bring along green feed. Small grain pastures provided some feed, but supplemental feeding was necessary to maintain condition of ewes and promote growth of lambs.

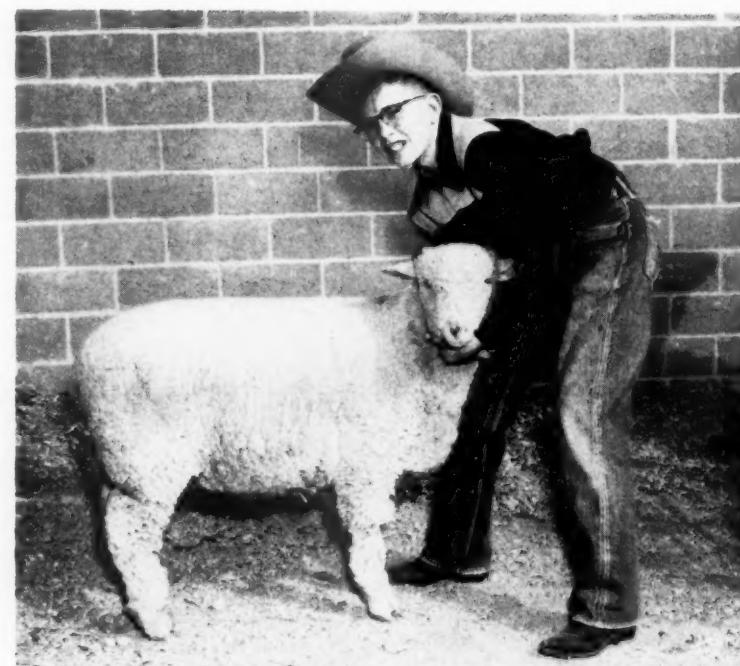
Native range grass and small grain pastures were plagued by dust storms

during March. A heavy coating of unpalatable dust covered most of the state. In spite of scattered snow and showers early in the month, good rains were needed to wash off the dust and to start growth of green feeds.

Poor feed conditions restricted the growth and development of lambs. A larger proportion of lambs was in feeder flesh than was the case last year. Most old-crop lambs marketed for slaughter were finished on supplemental feed. Movement of lambs off dry, eaten-out Plateau ranges and small grain pastures was heavy. Also, shipments of yearling wethers and lambs were large for this early in the season. Marketing of spring lambs got under way in many areas.

Sheep and lamb receipts in Texas during March 1 to 20 swelled to about 64,000 head as the spring marketing season began. This was the largest run for any similar period since last June. Marketings also were about 75% larger than the previous month and two and a half times larger than a year ago.

Nearly 90 percent of the total Texas supply arrived at Fort Worth. Runs in excess of 7,300 head were reported three times during the month at Fort Worth. Of the 64,000 total, nearly 57,000 were yarded at Fort



LYLES SHOWS FINE WOOL RESERVE CHAMPION

Quinton Lyles, McCamey, member of the Upton County 4-H Club, had the first place light weight fine wool lamb in the San Angelo show, which was made reserve champion. Lyles has done well this year in showing his lambs. He also had reserve champion fine wool lamb at San Antonio. He has worked under Dub Day, County Agent of Upton County.

YOUR LOGICAL MARKET

Worth. The other 7,500 went to San Antonio.

Fully half or more of March's sheep and lamb supply was comprised of old-crop shorn lambs. Receipts included only small lots of spring lambs, wooled old-crop lambs, and feeder lambs. Aged sheep were relatively scarce.

Mid-March sales of spring lambs looked around \$1.00 to \$3.00 per 100 pounds higher than February's close at Fort Worth and \$1.00 to \$1.50 higher at San Antonio. Choice to prime grade spring lambs realized \$24.50 at San Antonio, while good to choice lots made \$23.00 to \$24.00 and culls \$12.00 to \$14.00. Fort Worth moved good and choice springers at \$24.00 to \$25.00; cull to utility lots, at \$15.00 to \$23.00.

Old-crop wooled lambs sold around \$2.00 higher at Fort Worth and \$1.00 to \$1.50 higher at San Antonio. Good to choice offerings returned \$19.50 to \$21.00 at San Antonio and \$22.00 at Fort Worth.

Old-crop shorn lambs went up \$1.00 to \$2.50 at Fort Worth, with most advance on good and choice grades. Shorn lamb prices stood \$1.00 higher at San Antonio. Good and choice shorn lambs went to slaughter for \$21.00 to \$22.00 at Fort Worth and \$18.50 to \$19.50 at San Antonio. Utility to good lots made \$16.00 to \$18.00 at San Antonio, while cull to utility offerings cleared Fort Worth at \$12.00 to \$20.00.

Hardly enough slaughter yearlings or wethers were on sale at most sessions to test prices. Limited marketings of ewes ruled steady to \$1.50 higher for the month at Fort Worth and sold about 50 cents higher at San Antonio. A few utility to choice shorn wethers went to the scales at San Antonio at \$8.50 to \$12.00, while cull to good ewes cashed at \$5.50 to \$8.50. Cull to good ewes earned \$7.00 to \$9.00 at Fort Worth.

Drought and poor feed prospects cut down demand for feeder lambs and trading was slow at most sessions. Small marketings proved a strengthening factor and prices managed to close about \$1.50 higher at San Antonio and \$1.00 higher at Fort Worth. Good strong-weight feeders left San Antonio for a turn in the feedlot at \$19.00 to \$20.25. Wooled feeders brought \$20.00 to \$21.00 and shorn feeders made \$19.00 to \$20.50 at Fort Worth.

About 2,200 wooled feeder lambs moved out of the Edwards Plateau area during the second week of March at \$19.50 per 100 pounds for immediate delivery.

Very little wool business was reported in Texas during the month. Sales included some early shorn lambs wool at 60c per pound in the grease. Clippings sold at the warehouse between 32 and 32½c per pound.

Goat prices showed little change in San Antonio this month. Mature slaughter goats were unchanged to 50c higher, with the advance due largely to scarcity of receipts. Kids comprised the bulk of the supply and

were under pressure, but prices held a steady position.

Total goat receipts at San Antonio during March 1 to 20 reached about 3,600. This was twice as many as the month before and one and a half times more than last year.

Mid-month sales found good shorn Angora and Spanish type slaughter goats selling around \$6.50 to \$7.50 per 100 pounds. Cull to medium offerings took \$5.00 to \$6.50, spots \$7.00. Kid goats bulked at \$3.00 to \$4.50 each. Stocker goats were scarce.

Texas mohair sales brought 65c per pound for adult and \$1.00 for kid hair at the warehouse. All spring kid mohair in original bags sold from \$1.85 to \$1.90 per pound.

Meanwhile, butcher hogs closed 25 to 50 cents lower for the month under pressure from heavier marketings and sharp losses in wholesale fresh pork. Sows lost 25 cents at San Antonio, but were about steady at Fort Worth.

Cattle marketings also increased during March and with the start of the Lenten season dressed beef trade slowed and wholesale beef prices followed a steady to lower trend. Live cattle prices fluctuated throughout the period and were unusually sensitive to supply conditions. However, prices closed generally steady. Some fed steers and heifers and cows went up \$1.00 at Fort Worth, but lost \$1.00 at San Antonio. Stocker classes also looked 50 cents lower in spots due to less active demand as a result of the drouth.

Some two million pounds of spring mohair has been sold so far this year at prices from 62½ to 66½ cents per pound — average around 65c. 10% of kid at 95c to \$1 with surplus kid in excess of 10% bringing \$1.50 to \$1.60.

Goat are shearing rather heavy and apparently there will be a 6½ to 7 million pound clip. The quality of mohair is not extra good as it is carrying excessive dust. State wide, the goats are shearing 15 to 20 per cent heavy.

In dry sections where feeding has been forced shearing weight of fleece has been increased.

The bulk of the mohair that has been sold has been in the Central Texas area. In the market has been Forte, Dupee and Sawyer Company and R. P. Collins and Company, Boston, Mass.

Henry (Hank) D. Davis, wool buyer of San Angelo, was named a new director of the National Wool Trade Association. Clifton B. Russell of Emery, Russell & Goodrich, Boston, was re-elected president. John T. Williams, Sanderson ranchman and warehouse operator, was re-elected a vice-president. O. T. Evans of the Wool Growers Warehouse, Casper, Wyoming, was elected a vice-president.

E. B. Pinson, San Angelo, recently took delivery on 1,100 mutton goats 4 and 5 years old from C. P. Cloud of Lampasas and Truman Smith of Ranger.

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Horse Show Is Scheduled in San Angelo

THE SECOND annual Tom Green County Sheriff's Posse Horse Show has been scheduled for San Angelo, May 1 and 2. Gilbert Sanders is general chairman and secretary of the organization. The initial show last year was a success under difficulties, and this year Sanders believes more than 200 head of the best in horse flesh will compete for liberal prizes.

Percy Turner, Water Valley, is superintendent of the Quarter Horse division, to be assisted by Jess Koy, Eldorado, B. E. Brooks, Pete Edwards and Ted Harris, all of San Angelo.

The Palomino division superintendent is Roy Bond and his assistants are W. R. Davis, L. H. Baker and Hollis Leddy, all of San Angelo.

The 1954 show will feature 20 classes for Palominos, 16 classes for Quarter Horses and at least 4 for

Shetland ponies. A cutting horse contest which will bring entries from all over Texas will be another feature of the event and it will be sanctioned by the National Cutting Horse Association. A reining contest will also be held. Most premium money will be 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent of the entry fees, which will range from \$10 to \$20 per animal.

This year's event will feature an all round program in which the horse will be the primary attraction. Included in the program will be matched ropings with practically every major roping star in the contest. Jackpot roping, barrel races for girls and young women and a few assorted side attractions will round out the most interesting program, which should make the second annual Tom Green County Sheriff's Posse Horse Show event even more successful than that of last year.

The judge for the Quarter Horse show is Doyle Saul, horse breeder and ranchman of Plainview. The judge for the Palominos will be Huey Long of Cresson, who will also judge the Cutting Horse contest. The judging will start at 9 A.M., May 1. The cutting horse and reining elimination will start at 2 P.M. The first performance will be at 8 P.M. Finals are set for 2 P.M., May 2.

All events will be held in the San Angelo Stock Show fair grounds and the dead line for entries will be April 25. A \$2.50 penalty will be charged for anyone entering after the dead line or paying the entry fee after that date.

The Posse horse show committee consists of: Gilbert Sanders, Jim Franklin, J. C. Alldredge, John Whiddon, Morgan Crooks, E. J. Boatler, Hollis Leddy and B. F. Alldredge.

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Texas Delaine News

By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

THERE IS nothing that causes as much discussion as the weather among sheep folk unless it is a good sheep show. The recent Austin Junior Show created quite a sensation in the number of animals and exhibitors, and yes, the dust storm thrown in. There were fifteen Junior breeders exhibiting forty-six animals. The ewe lamb class consisted of twenty-eight very nice animals. If you think this doesn't create a problem for the judge, Dr. W. G. Kammlade of A. & M., can give you some very enlightening information. In the ewe lamb class the placings are as follows:

1. Donald Bradford, Menard; 2, Lionel Schoen, Pottsville; 3, Schoen; 4, Leroy Poer, Goldthwaite; 5, Hudson Glimp; 6, Ellis Ellebracht, Harper; 7, C. C. Castleberry, Jr., Lampasas; 8, Donald Davis, Goldthwaite; 9, Castleberry; 10, Durwood Marwitz, Pottsville.

Yearling Ewes

1. C. C. Castleberry; 2, Hudson Glimp; 3, Castleberry; 4, Ellis Ellebracht; 5, Donald Bradford; 6, Laddie Smith of Lometa; 7, Bradford; 8, Smith.

Champion ewe: C. C. Castleberry.
Reserve: Hudson Glimp.

Two-to-Six-Tooth Ram

- 1, Hudson Glimp; 2, Glimp; 3, Durwood Marwitz; 4, Mohler Simpson, Goldthwaite; 5, Leroy Poer; 6, Donald Bradford; 7, Ellis Ellebracht; 8, Lionel Schoen.

Champion ram: Hudson Glimp.

Other boys with very nice animals on exhibit were Nolan Gillman, Austin; Charles Hood and Marshall Harbour, Lometa; Leo Nauman, Leander, and Dennis Schoen of Pottsville.

Ola Mae Itz continued her success in the show ring on through the San Angelo Show, which occurred at the same time of the Austin Show. She had the champion and reserve ewes. This makes another record of undefeated for her ewe. In case some one might wonder about the background of such an animal, it's simply this — out of a champion ewe and ram.

Lynn Kirby is another new breeder that did a very nice job with the Delaines she purchased from Clyde Glimp. Lynn exhibited the champion ram at San Angelo.

Congratulations from the Delaine Association are in order to Donald Trull of Santa Anna on his champion

lamb of the San Angelo Show, which came from the flock of Dale Herring of Talpa.

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Raymond Walston recently sold ewes to the following: Marvin J. Bridges, Jr., Buffalo, Edgar Davis, Abilene, and Ernest Spinks, Menard. Some very nice animals with choice foundation background were included in this sale, so we are confident to hear more from these breeders.

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Glenn Hopf recently sold C. O. Mayfield of Buckholz some ewes. He also gave a nice ewe to Schreiner Institute and sold them one. We hope more breeders will assist Schreiner in building a nice flock of Delaines.

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Mr. C. F. Sappington still feels there's money in sheep, despite the drought. He sheared and shipped his Delaine muttons. They sheared 12½ lbs., weighed 81 lbs. and sold for \$15 per 100 lbs. They were never fed and were a little under eleven months of age. What else pays better than this? Mr. Sappington and J. C. King are successfully lambing out their ewes.

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Washington

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Trend in both Congress and at USDA is toward more money for conservation work. USDA, at press time, had not yet asked Congress for funds for ACP payments in 1955. There were signs, though, that the request would be for more than this year's \$195 million — perhaps \$250 million or \$300 million.

The major farm organizations are now backing the idea of more spending on conservation. They also favor tying payments up with price supports and controls. The Farm Bureau would withhold both ACP payments and supports for crops not under quota from farmers who don't put "a percentage of their cropland to soil building crops or practices."

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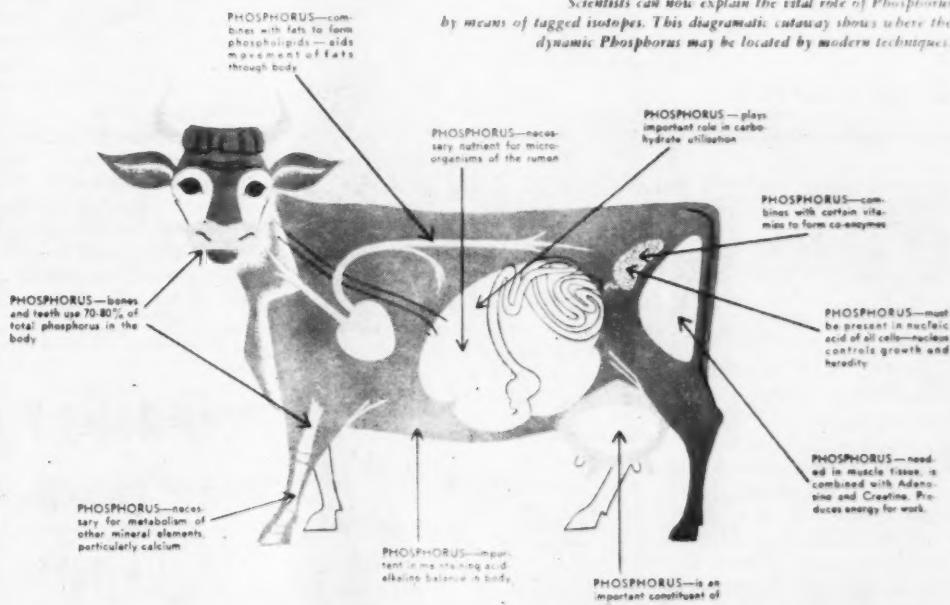
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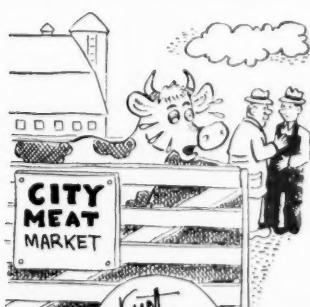
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EDITORIAL

1954 WOOL

IT IS very likely that in any group of sheepmen in the southwest the second topic of conversation when discovered will prove to be that of the disposition of the 1954 wool clip. The first topic, of course, would be on the subject of rain. Some of the aspects of the 1954 wool program are culled from information out of Washington. Some of this information is encouraging — some of it is not.

The apostles of calamity, the disciples of ruin, have been having a field day the first few weeks of 1954, due to the confusion in Washington and elsewhere as the fine points of a workable, acceptable wool program are studied, analyzed and argued. The crystallization of sentiment for the incentive payment program seems to have occurred in Washington and that principle for a wool program seems to have been accepted by a majority of the wool growing states. At least, the last vote of the states on the incentive payment program was nine in favor to three against. While Texas apparently has no other recourse but to go along with the majority, many growers are strenuously opposed to the Texas Association going on record in favor of the incentive payment program and it has been very obvious that many Texas growers vigorously and emphatically oppose the idea of

receiving "subsidy" checks from the government in any form and this undiscerning of feeling was very apparent in every meeting since the proposition was outlined.

It is nevertheless a fact that in spite of the neutral stand of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, the incentive payment program is the favored one by the wool growers, the Department of Agriculture, Secretary of Agriculture Benson and President Eisenhower.

The president assured Ray Willoughby, representing the National Wool Growers' Association in a recent conference, that this was so and that he, the president, would not consider an increase in the present wool tariff and would veto such a proposal if presented to him. This is the situation that exists today, as was clearly outlined by Mr. Willoughby before the wool growers in their recent meeting at Del Rio. "We have no alternative," declared Mr. Willoughby. "The incentive program is the one favored by the wool growers in a three to one vote of the states, the one favored by the Department of Agriculture's Secretary Benson and by Mr. Eisenhower. Our best course is to secure the best terms possible under the plan offered, which many growers believe

to be a favorable one to the industry."

It was hoped that the wool bill containing the incentive payment principle would be passed by Congress prior to its consideration of major farm bills. However, the path of the bill is not so smooth. Now it is hampered by amendments, throttled by political selfishness and bogged down in a mass of congressional work which may delay its passage for many weeks and perhaps even imperil its life.

The question is very obvious; it is heard many times: "What should the grower do about his 1954 wool clip?" According to best authorities the grower must realize that primarily the wool market is fundamentally sound. He must keep in mind that the support level under the present and operating loan program will be about the same as that of 1953. Some time ago the Secretary of Agriculture announced that the average grease price of 52.1c per pound would be the minimum for 1954 support. Later, February parity was announced at 58.9c, meaning that the 1954 wool support price would be a flat 53c or nearly 1c higher than 1953. The final figure will be known at the end of March but the February parity figure is likely to be little changed. It may be, therefore, definitely to the interest of the growers to act very cautiously in the sale of 1954 clips, to know the value of the wool and how much the government loan would bring.

The appraisal of wool for the current year by the Commodity Stabilization Service will begin in April and the organization will make loans either "advance" or "non-recourse" starting in May. If the loan is not redeemed no interest will be charged the grower. If the wool is redeemed and the grower reclaims his wool for sale on the open market he will pay for his loan money at 3½ per cent interest. The grower may redeem his wool at any time before April 30, 1955.

One authority recently declared that under the presently operating wool program it is most necessary that the grower inform himself as to the value of his wool before making an

outright sale. This is especially true with the "incentive payment" program lurking in the background. If such a program is passed by Congress, any wool upon which the grower has accepted a 1954 loan from the government will be made eligible to the more attractive support program by simply having it redeemed and sold in the open market. This selling function, according to the authority, becomes highly important because the price for which a grower's wool is sold is going to determine the amount of his incentive payment. It is not going to be a flat, across the board payment of so many cents per pound. The payment will be made in the form of a percentage of what the grower actually receives from the sale of his wool in the open market. For instance, it is very possible — once the incentive payment value has been announced, that it will be to a grower's advantage to have his wool redeemed, even though it may be sold at a lower market price than the 1954 loan value. For instance, if Mr. Average-Grower has received a non-recourse loan of 53c per pound net to him and a new support level of 62c is officially announced by the Secretary for the incentive payment program, it would obviously be to the grower's advantage to redeem and sell his wool at a lower figure than 53c, knowing that if his sale is at the average for the entire period, he will wind up with 62c instead of 53c.

If, as can also very possibly happen, we have higher market levels next fall and winter, the grower who first places his wool under the 1954 loan program can still redeem and sell to better advantage than the loan. This, of course, will be his privilege even though there is no new legislation, but if the new wool bill becomes the law, the grower who waits to take advantage of possibly higher market levels next fall or winter will have a double advantage. He can first redeem and have his wool sold at a higher than loan value and this higher sales value will be the basis upon which his incentive payment will be determined.

Delaine News

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and the lambs are of very good quality this year.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Texas Delaine Association, held in Brady, a motion carried to add \$50 in premiums to each of these Junior Delaine Shows, Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin.

The directors also selected the following men to serve as judges, subject to approval of show officials, at the major Delaine stock shows: State Fair, Dallas, Clyde Glimp; Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, Geo. H. Johanson; Houston Fat Stock Show, G. A. Glimp; San Antonio Exposition, Lester D. Lohman; Adult Show in Austin, Dr. W. G. Kammlade; Austin Junior Show, Joe Le May, and San Angelo Fat Stock Show, Owen Bragg.

R. R. Walston is chairman of the sale committee, which also includes Geo. Johanson and G. A. Glimp. This committee is to set a date for the association's sale of Delaine Sheep to be held in Coleman, with some contending for a late summer sale.

The directors, wives, and guests were entertained with a luncheon at Ramon's. The program, featuring three of Virginia Miller's dance students, was immensely enjoyed.

Many inquiries are coming in as to the sale date and what will be offered. Here is one of the comments:

Why wait so late, and the Junior buyers especially want to make purchases of lambs early as possible for major shows, if lambs are to be offered.

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The new Delaine booklet is indeed one to be very proud of and the Association is deeply indebted to Tom Glimp, Jr., of Menard, a past member of this Association, R. R. Walston, Geo. Johanson and H. M. Phillips for their untiring efforts in securing and compiling the contents. We feel anyone desiring information on Delaines can certainly secure it from this edition.



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HENRY C. RAGSDALE, owner of the Ragsdale Auto Company and several affiliated business houses, is celebrating this year his fiftieth anniversary in business, which has been closely associated with the development of the West Texas ranch industry.

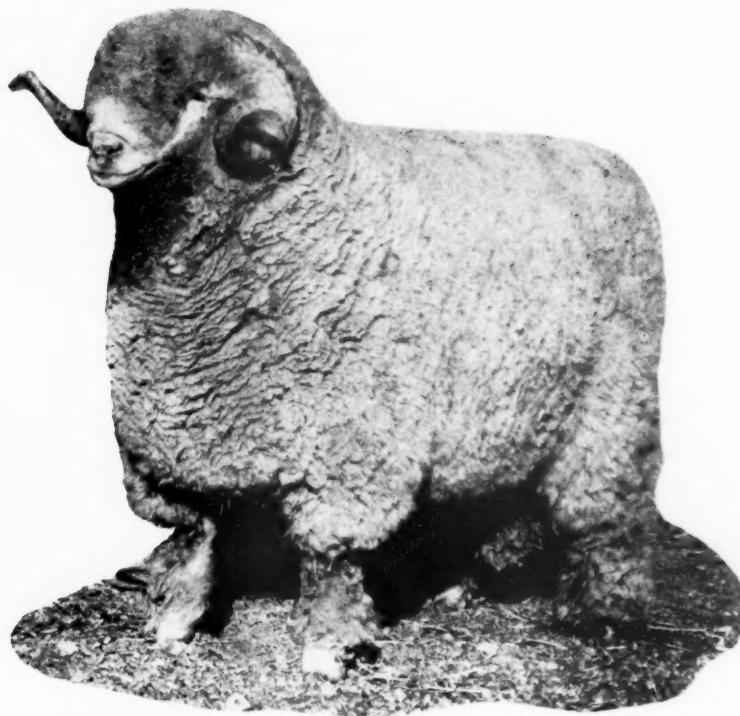
The Ragsdale Auto Company, developed from a small one man shop on West Concho in San Angelo for the repairing of automobiles and motorcycles. While his father, M. C. Ragsdale, was developing one of the most unique and comprehensive photograph businesses in all West Texas, Henry, his son, became interested in motorcycles and the early day automobile.

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It was about 1905 that M. C. Ragsdale took what was probably the first picture of an automobile which stood in front of the old Landon Hotel on the corner of Concho and Chadbourne. It was that of Ed Jackson, Sutton County ranchman.

Now, the Ragsdale interests are called Ragsdale Auto and Appliance Company, of which Mr. Henry Ragsdale is founder and president; his son, Milton, is secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Milton Ragsdale, Eleanor, is vice-president. Mr. Ragsdale is also interested in the Bailey Auto Company, dealers in Lincoln and Mercury automobiles. George Bailey is manager of the latter company.

**BRIGHT VICTOR, THE SECOND**

This is the ram bred by Miles Pierce, Alpine, and was Grand Champion ram this year at Fort Worth, San Antonio and Odessa and Reserve Champion at San Angelo. He was sired by Bright Victor, one of the Pierce rams which has bred so many stock show winners.

Miles and V. I. Pierce Win Permanent Possession of Trophy

ONE OF THE hardest fought-for awards ever offered in the Texas livestock industry was this magazine's "Sheep and Goat Raiser Golden Ram Trophy" which was this year won permanently by Miles and V. I. Pierce, Rambouillet breeders of Ozona and Alpine, Texas. It was back in 1939 when the Golden Ram Trophy was first awarded and in that year the famous sheep breeding firm of H. I. Sims and Son of Miles got first "leg-up".

Throughout the years breeder after breeder won the award but not until 1954 did any one breeder become three times winner, which automatically gave permanent possession.

The Golden Ram Trophy award winners and the years in which they won the award are listed as follows:

H. I. Sims and Son, Miles	1939
P. T. Underwood, Denton	1940
Dempster Jones, Ozona	1941
John Williams, Eldorado	1942
No shows in '43, '44, '45	
H. I. Sims & Son, Miles	1946
R. O. Sheffield, San Angelo	1947
John Williams, Eldorado	1948
Leo Richardson, Iraan	1949
B. F. Bridges and Son, Bronte	1950
Noelke & Owens, Sheffield	1951
Miles and V. I. Pierce, Alpine and Ozona	1952
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A nice ram by the name of Bright Victor won first in 1952 for Miles and V. I. Pierce; in 1953 the ram Kingfish Altuda won the trophy and this year King Three Altuda won.

GOOD LAMB CROP

LAMB crops in West Texas will be good ones this year from all reports. Willie Wilson, San Angelo, says he is marking one hundred per cent or better and Pat Jacobson, who has several ranches in West Texas, reports one flock of 300 ewes of good ages dropping a 143 percent lamb crop. A Marfa ranchman reports 137 percent, and better than normal crop for the entire area is anticipated. Good feeding of the ewes enabled them to buck up well and dry, mild weather has brought on good results during lambing. What the ranchmen are concerned about is the lack of green feed on the ground and the possibility of the lambs dogieing. Rain would help.

MEXICAN LABOR PAST SIGNED

THE UNITED States signed on March 10 a new agreement with Mexico on the recruitment of Mexican farm workers current until December 31, 1955. The provisions include that of paying wages not less than those paid domestic laborers of the area. A provision was included for compulsory non-occupational as previously agreed occupational insurance protection to be taken out by American employers for Mexican workers. Entire counties may not be black-listed.

Sam Kelly, San Angelo, recently sold to Mac Hartgrove of Paint Rock 304 old ewes with 206 lambs at \$10.

AUXILIARY WOMEN ENTERTAINED WITH STYLE SHOW

UNIQUE and entertaining was the style show featuring original models of outstanding designers made in fabrics woven in Switzerland from wool and mohair, silk and cotton featured at a breakfast for the wives of the directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association the morning of March 13 in the Roswell Hotel at Del Rio.

Commentator for the style review was Lawrence Marcus of Neiman-Marcus of Dallas. This famous store presented two lovely models for displaying the fashions featuring top designers of the world.

Mrs. Edward V. Jarrett of Del Rio presented Mr. Marcus. Greeting the visitors were wives of past presidents of the Association, including Mesdames C. B. Wardlaw, E. K. Fawcett, J. C. Mayfield, H. K. Fawcett, and Roger Gillis. Also receiving were Mrs. John Alexander of Cherokee, president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, and Mrs. Walter Pfluger of Eden, wife of the president of the Association.

The program for the meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association was sparked with the

question "Ain't it fun being a sheep and goat raiser?" The "Dutch" menu at Mrs. Crosby's in Cuidad Acuna was "drouth style" de luxe and was enjoyed just about as much as the splendid food.

At Boston in late March some original bag 12 month Texas wool, 64/70s good French combing and staple sold at \$1.77 clean basis. The mohair sold at 66½¢ for adult, \$1.01½ for kid and \$1.55 for surplus kid.

Ralph Pembroke of Big Lake has sold several Suffolk rams to Carl Moler of Winkelman, Arizona. Moler also purchased 400 pairs of Rambouillet ewes and lambs in the Brady area.

The block-big plant of the Pioneer Worsted Company of New Braunfels was recently sold to Edward Badough, New Braunfels lawyer, for a sum quoted to be more than \$70,000. The sale was ordered by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

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TO BUYERS — 4-H BOYS — FFA BOYS —

Due to number of breeds represented in our sale we do not have room and time for each breeder to bring ALL the sheep he has for sale but he does have a good sample of his sheep at this P. S. B. A. Sale. Come to Temple April 30 and May 1. Contact the breeders. They have other good sheep at home if you do not find them at the Temple Sale.

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For Information Write — J. P. HEATH, Sales Committee Chairman, ARGYLE, TEXAS

Purebred Sheep Breeders Make Plans for Sale at Temple

J. P. HEATH, Argyle, Texas, chairman of sales committee of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Texas, announces that practically all details for the arrangements of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Show and Sale at Temple, April 30 and May 1, have been completed.

Mr. Heath points out that this is one of the nation's first advertised ram and ewe sales and, judging from the interest which has already been evinced, the event will be a most successful one. Others on the sales committee include Ed Brewster, Jr., Temple, and Donald Aycock, Moody.

The Temple Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsor of the event and the barns and equipment are those at the Cen-Tex fairgrounds in Temple, owned by the Bell County Commiss-

sioners Court. As Temple is in the heart of a very fertile stock farming and ranching area, good sheep have been in an increasing demand. The sale scheduled for this year will feature practically every top breeder in Texas and practically all breeds will have representative offerings.

"This is a wonderful place to meet the breeders of good sheep," declares Mr. Heath, "and if the buyer doesn't find what he wants he can make contacts and go to the breeder's own place to get the desired animal."

For the members of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association, the visiting breeders and all interested in attendance, there will be a banquet at the Kyle Hotel, Friday night, April 30 — no long-winded speaking and the business meeting will be very short.

"JUST WHAT'S NEEDED, LORD"

AMONG those we know who remember the drought of '86-'87 in West Texas are Bob Hewitt of San Angelo and Bob Mims of Water Valley, both of whom recollect it to be a "booger" and that it rained good in '88.

One of the tales told of that particular drouth is that of a community in Coleman County that was particularly hard hit and in desperate straits. They got together and persuaded one of the old ranchmen of the area to pray for rain, and help.

"Oh, Lord," he prayed, "Give us help, give us barrels of flowers, barrels of sugar, barrels of coffee, barrels of chile pepper . . ." Then at that point a neighbor jabbed the old gentleman and whispered hoarsely: "Jim, that's away too hell too much chile pepper!"

Senator Carlos Ashley, down Llano way, who is running for re-election, is a good friend in the Texas Legislature for sheep and goat men. He recently declared he was amazed at the lack of knowledge and information of legislators in the industry and its problems.

One of the nation's leading livestock experts, a well known professor and livestock judge, recently declared that impractically fed, fattened and pampered livestock such as most of those seen in the modern livestock shows are artificial, impractical and have no place in an honest teaching program.

Swede Nelson, County Agent for Kendall County, Boerne, reports that the spring shearing of Angora goats is about complete with unusually good clips showing up. Both goats and sheep have had some good grazing on oats the past month. Early shorn sheep are appearing, eliminating tagging and a lot of fleece worm trouble.

Miss Dora Wollschlaeger is reported to have shipped some exceptional milk fed lambs from the Gus Wollschlaeger ranch. The lambs in the 100 pound weight range were also creep fed.

The Kendall County lamb and kid crop is good. Ranges are getting dry, however.

From Round Mountain, Texas, we have a letter from E. Bergman of the Running M Ranch, which tells about a registered Corriedale ewe that had four lambs this year. These lambs are about two months old and are doing well. In three lambings the ewe has had eight lambs. Bergman is getting a good percentage lamb crop.

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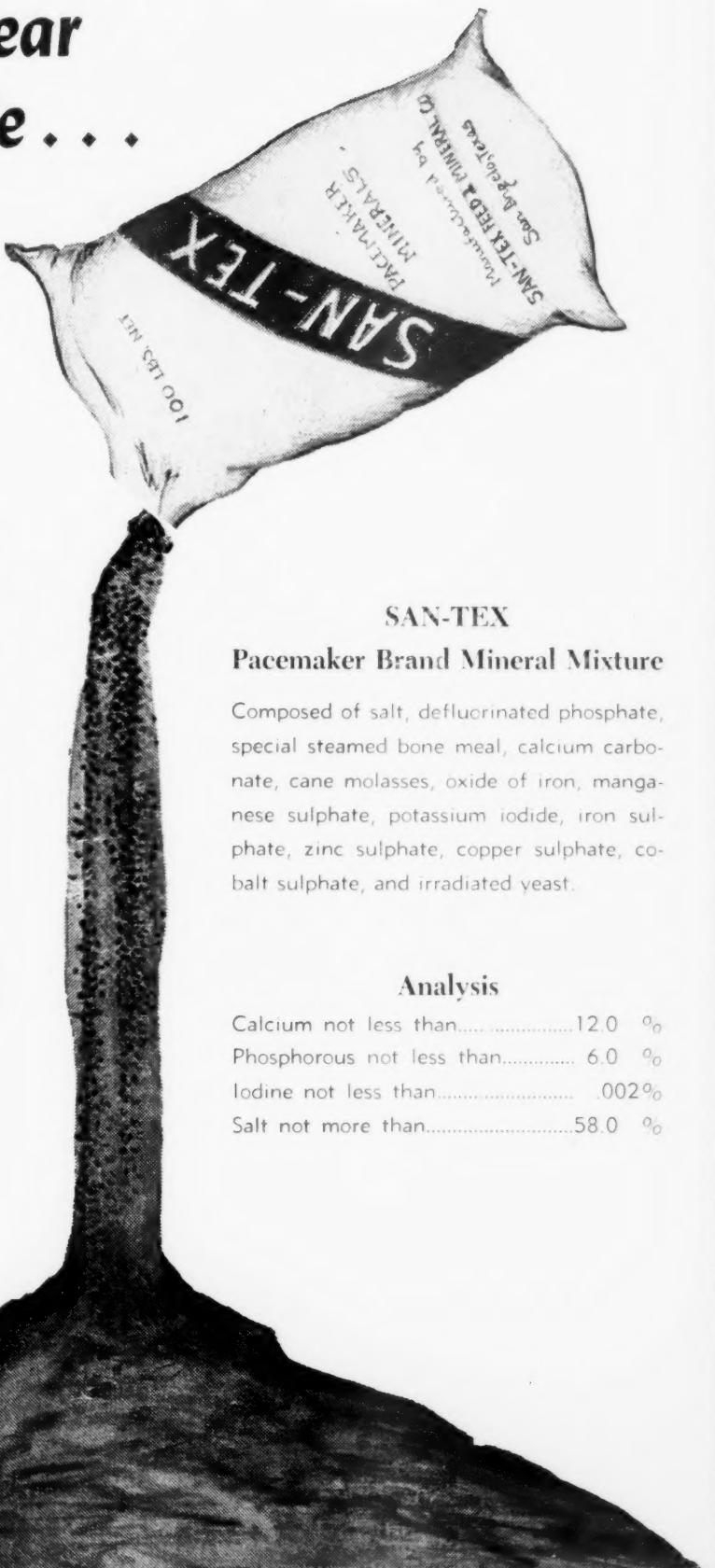
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